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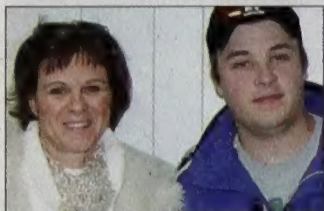
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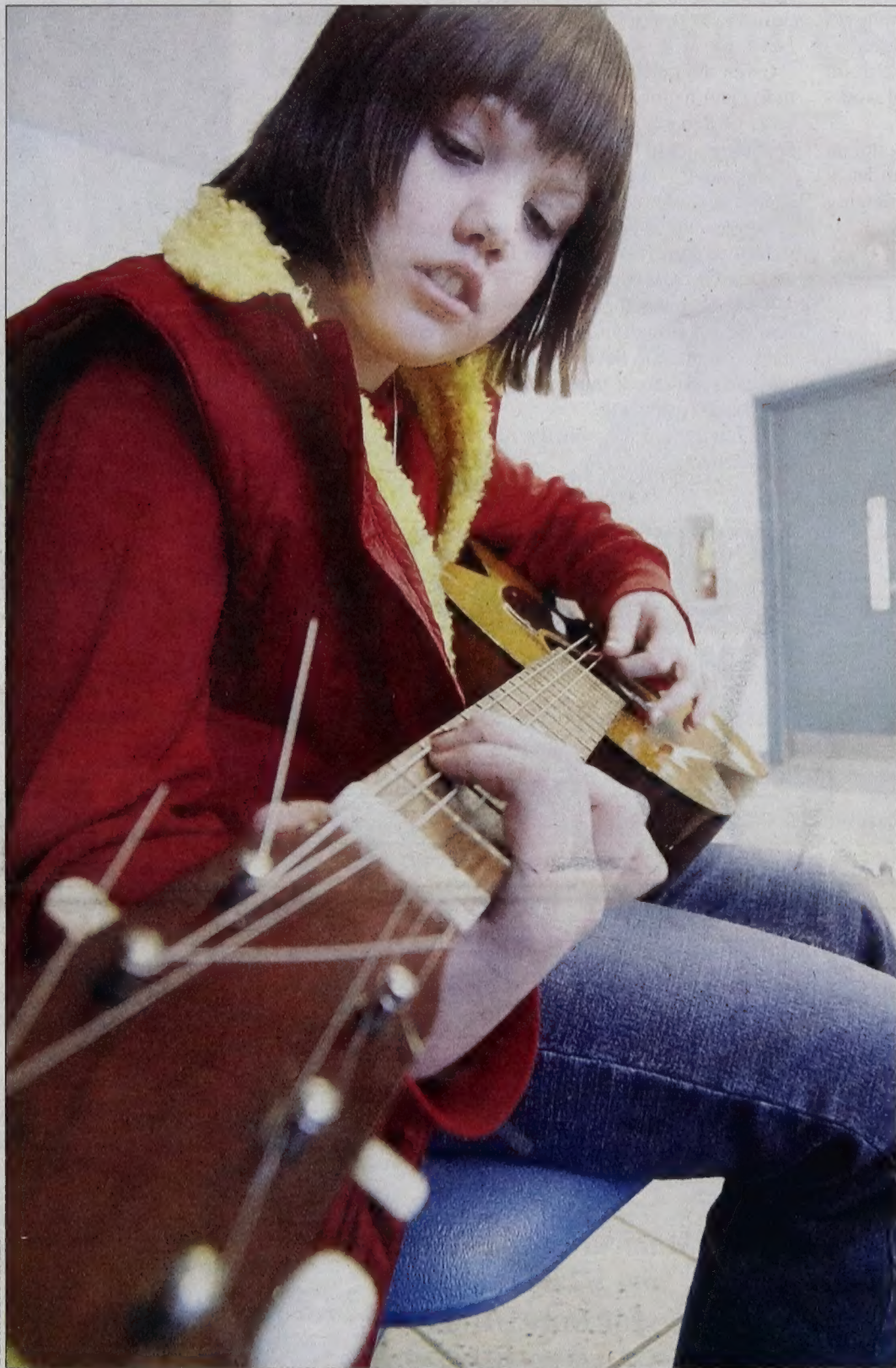


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Darren Lum/TIMES

'Elective' guitar

ASES Grade 5 Kaily Schell plays guitar and sings *Leaving on a Jet Plane* on her second day of guitar instruction. This was one of Kaily's elective choices during the school's offering of educational and fun activities that was endorsed by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. See page 22 for story, more photos.

County CAO quits

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The man described as Haliburton County's best CAO will be taking his skills to another county next month.

Gary King has accepted the job as Peterborough County's CAO, effective February 20.

"He's an intense CAO who gave a lot of good leadership," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey after King's resignation was accepted, with regret, at Wednesday's county council meeting.

"He's a great CAO and we're going to miss him dearly," said Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman while Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon said King was the best CAO he's worked with during his 15 years on council.

"Gary's very helpful," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison added. "If you wanted his expertise on any issue, he was available. He was always very helpful."

"He did a tremendous job on special programs," said Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney.

Looking back on his three years with Haliburton County, King says he's proud of the role he played on several large projects, especially Connect Haliburton. He spent weeks writing the request for funding to bring broadband technology to the Highlands and believed fervently in the project's merits.

"We took the lead to move Connect Haliburton forward and get the other partners to make financial commitments," he says. "We're at the 11th hour in terms of realizing high speed capabilities. It was two years of work and a lot of meetings."

He hopes the federal and provincial governments will announce funding this spring.

Work on the county's first official plan started before he arrived but he's helped carry it through to the approval process. He also

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MOE 'not negligent' in Minden Hills landfill inspection

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

The Ministry of the Environment was not negligent in its inspection of Minden Hills' landfills, says MOE staff at the Peterborough office.

Allan Oberholzer, district supervisor at the Peterborough MOE office, says the operations and development plans, which define approved limits and daily operations, were never sent to the MOE for the Lochlin and Ingoldsby landfill sites.

"While those documents may have been in the municipality's possession, they weren't submitted to the MOE for approval until 2001 or 2002," said Oberholzer.

Without the plans, the MOE can't know

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Peterborough-bound

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brought previous experience with 911 to the job to help with the myriad of challenges of bringing the emergency phone services to the county.

As well as having a good rapport with councillors, King worked hard to ensure that his respect for his fellow county employees was mutual.

"People work harder when they know their input is being valued," he says. "I've enjoyed working with everyone and negotiating the first contract for the land ambulance as well as the roads contracts. We've had a good working relationship with the unions. They're good workers and it's been a pleasure dealing with them."

As CAO, King had to walk a fine line between being an employee and helping to guide councillors in accordance with their legal responsibilities when it comes to managing the county's services and spending its budget wisely.

There were times when he'd confront council if he felt it was wrong and while he did not involve himself in every discussion, he was not afraid of sharing his opinion when he felt it was warranted.

"At the end of the day the county has hired me to give the best recommendations given the circumstances at the time. I'm just wanting to make sure they have the best information before they make a decision. If you think they're wrong you should tell them at the outset because politicians don't like to hear 'you're wrong' after the fact."

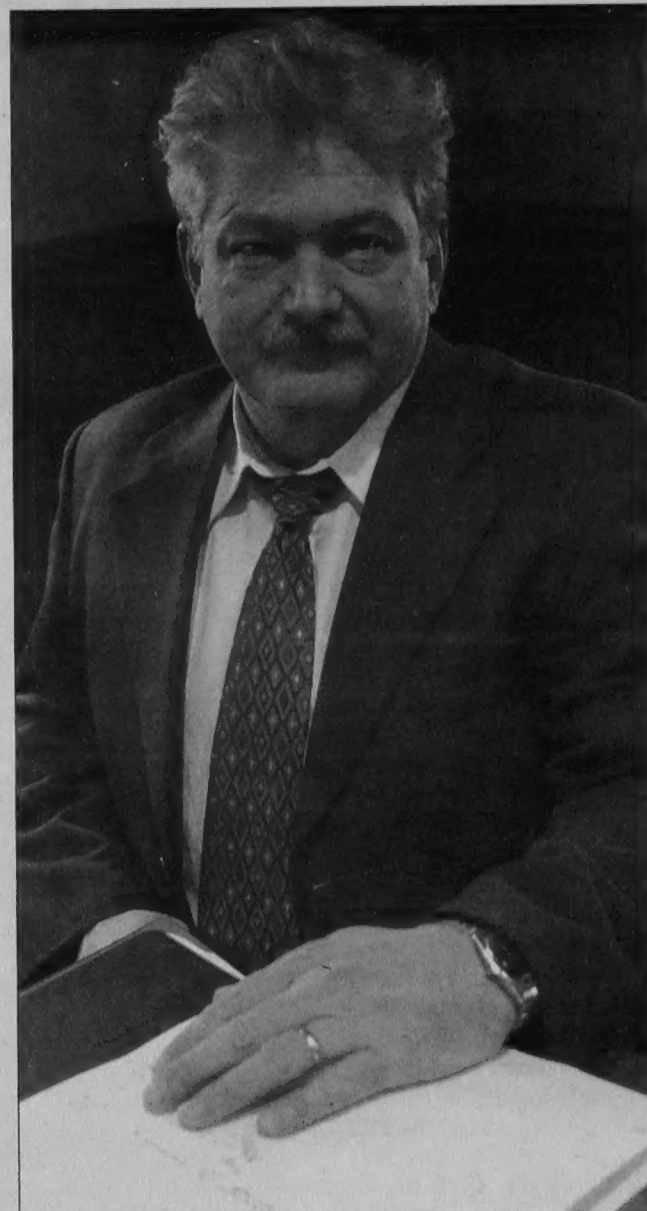
Given the politics of council and the dynamics between individual members, the CAO must learn to read the subtexts of debates. "Read the signs of body language - it keeps you out of trouble," he laughs.

The move to Peterborough is a good one for both personal and professional reasons.

He grew up in Peterborough and his parents, brother and sister live there "so in a sense I'm going back to my roots, and that has real appeal to me."

What he likes about his new job is that they've given him the opportunity to get involved in economic development. "Economic development allows me to be more of a player - you're out there trying to make things happen. I like things happening."

He has agreed to council's request to help them find a replacement.



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Val Lougheed still struggling through long recovery process

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Val Lougheed's life changed in an instant on September 9, 2003. That is the day she suffered serious injuries in a car accident in Saskatchewan.

She describes her injuries as "head to foot." Lougheed's right ankle, knee and hip were crushed – the femur was broken in three places and her fibula was broken. Her left foot was crushed and her left PCL ligament was torn. Most of her ribs were broken and her right lung was punctured. Her left clavicle was broken and she suffered two skull fractures, one at the front and one at the back.

"I don't know how I lived without more permanent damage," she said.

Until recently, Lougheed has been an inpatient at St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto. She is now staying with a friend in Newmarket. She is continuing her treatments on an outpatient basis at the hospital in Newmarket.

The first month after the accident, Lougheed was in the hospital in Saskatoon. Then she transferred to the Haliburton Hospital where she stayed for two months before going to Toronto's St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital. She has also spent some time at the Fracture Clinic of Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

"I started physiotherapy one week after the accident," she said. "St. John's was the finishing school – my ticket out of this mess."

Lougheed said she can't complain about the health care services she's received. "For me, the health services system has been incredible," she said.

Even on an outpatient basis, she spends five hours a day in rehabilitation at the hospital in Newmarket.

"When I went to St. John's they commented on how good shape I was in," Lougheed said. "It is a credit to the physio department at the Haliburton Hospital."

The rehabilitation process includes some occupational therapy – things like multi-tasking.

In spite of the multitude of injuries she has suffered and the long rehabilitation process, which is still ongoing, Lougheed says, "I'm very lucky."

It is this positive attitude that has helped her through the ordeal. "Attitude is a huge part of the recovery process," she said. "I'm happy to do what I'm told. It's going to take a few more months to get back into the swing of things. I have no intention of rushing things."

The fact that Lougheed has always been physically fit and enjoys doing exercises and daily workouts is very helpful in her recovery.

Along with a positive attitude, Lougheed said the tremendous support of family and friends has helped her through the traumatic experience. "I've had tons of support from an army of people," she said. "Some even came out to Saskatoon. It makes me feel really good and thankful that so many people care about me. The only thing I can do to repay them is to get better. I feel I owe my life to everybody. It's so neat to feel that loved and cared about."



Caleb Lougheed has been acting as his mom Val's chauffeur recently. She has recently been discharged from hospital but continues her recovery from an accident in September 2003. Val is continuing her rehabilitation on an outpatient basis at the hospital in Newmarket.

When the story of her accident appeared in the paper, she got so many e-mails from well-wishers that it crashed the server at the hospital. "I don't know if I could have made it so well without all the support."

Considering the extent of her injuries, Lougheed said her recovery, so far, has been amazingly fast. "It has been an interesting, spiritual journey," she said. "I've met some incredible people."

"I'm a different person now and I feel good. I've always been close to the kids [sons Jesse and Caleb] but this has added a new dimension," she said. "So much has

changed. I've had to hugely simplify my life, and I like it that way. I think it will stay that way."

Lougheed sees some irony in the fact that she operates a vocational business – Northern Lights Vocational Services. The company has outlets across Ontario and into Alberta. She started the business in 1985.

While she was in St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital, Lougheed started writing. She is working on a thesis based on her experiences resulting from the accident.

County will petition province for forest owners

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The county has honoured its commitment to the Haliburton Forest Owners Association to petition the provincial government to revert to the system of assessing managed forests at the same values as farmland.

County council passed the following motion at Wednesday's meeting:

"Whereas the Haliburton forest owners issued a press release indicating that trails in Haliburton County were closed,

'And whereas the members of the Haliburton Forest Owners Association have reversed their decision to block access to trails on their properties after negotiating the support of local government to review the actions of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation regarding the assessment of forest properties in a similar manner to farmland,

"And whereas the County of Haliburton continues to support the fair and equitable application of the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program,

"And whereas the County of Haliburton and the local municipalities have not received full reimbursement of property tax revenues credited to property owners under the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program from the Ministry of Finance,

"And whereas this shortfall becomes a tax burden for tax classes other than managed forest or farmland;

"Therefore the County of Haliburton requests that the Ministry of Finance review the assessment methods of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and assure the Haliburton Forest Owners Association that MPAC is fairly and equitably deeming assessments on forest properties consistently and in accordance with the provincial directive to assess forest property as farmland,

"And further that the province fully reimburse the municipalities for any loss of revenue created by the application of the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program."

The county has also registered a request to meet with the Minister of Finance at the Good Roads/Rural Ontario Municipal Association in February to discuss MFTIP.

Meanwhile, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said municipalities should be working with the snowmobile and ski clubs to try to find ways to have trails cross private lands on municipal road allowances to avoid the future potential for trail closures.

New Conservatives pick local people as directors

More than 200 members of the former Progressive Conservative and Canadian Alliance parties gathered at the Moose Lodge in Lindsay on January 22 to elect the executive of the new Conservative Party of Canada Electoral District.

Members chose 30 people from a slate of nearly 50 nominees to be directors of the Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock Conservative Party of Canada Electoral

District. Jerry Walker is the president, D'arcy McGee first vice-president, Andrea Zekveld is the secretary and Marlene Burns is the membership secretary. Peter Taylor and John Macklem round out the executive committee and the other 24 elected members are directors. Alex Richardson is the financial agent.

The membership of the new electoral district will hold its candidate selection vote on

March 6 in Lindsay. The location has yet to be confirmed.

President Jerry Walker said the new directors are working well together. "We're looking ahead, not back," he said. "Our number one goal is to put a candidate in Ottawa."

Walker said the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Electoral District is in good financial shape. "We're better off than some ridings," he said.

Councillors shocked at findings

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what the capacity of the site is supposed to be and whether the waste is within the boundaries, Oberholzer said.

A recently completed study of the township's landfills by SGS Lakefield Research found that the Ingoldsby and Lochlin sites had inappropriate slopes, dramatically shorter lifespans than previously thought, wasteful compaction methods and large amounts of waste beyond the approved limit area.

SGS Lakefield Research presented their survey to Minden Hills council on January 8. Councillors expressed shock at the findings.

"It points to past management of landfill sites," Councillor Peter Oyler then said. "Were we getting bad advice?"

SGS, who have replaced the former consultants, OMM Trow Associates and Robinson Consultants, recommended council spend \$271,000 more on landfills in 2004 to make the landfills compliant with MOE regulations.

At the council meeting, some councillors said the MOE was partly responsible for the neglected state of the township's landfills.

"Do you mean to tell me that the MOE hasn't been inspecting the sites in the past 20 years," asked Councillor Ron Buchanan.

Oberholzer, however, said it wasn't the MOE's job to go to each site and inspect such things as slope ratios and waste limits. Defining where the waste is, he said, was the consultant's job.

Oberholzer said the only way you can physically measure waste limits is by drilling boreholes.

"We don't dig holes in landfills," Oberholzer said.

"To date we have dealt with operations of landfills."

The MOE does not conduct landfill inspections on a regular basis but chooses sites based on how compliant they've been in the past.

A site is usually inspected every three years, Oberholzer said.

A standard MOE inspection checks whether there is a properly locked gate and the correct signs and that the waste is being covered at the right frequency.

But a good inspection, Oberholzer said, depends upon the site's operations and development plan.

"When you don't have the supporting documents, it's often very difficult to determine the waste's locations."

Oberholzer said there is no legislated requirement for an owner or operator of a landfill site to have a plan. It only must have a Certificate of Approval.

Municipalities were expected to follow MOE recommendations. In the case of Minden Hills' landfills, the consultant suggested a 3 to 1 slope for the Lochlin landfill, when the MOE suggested nothing greater than a 4 to 1 slope.

Once an Operations and Development plan is incorporated in the Certificate of Approval, then it's legally binding, Oberholzer said.

It was up to individual municipalities to get their Operations and Development plans approved and Minden Hills "never took the initiative to do it," Oberholzer said.

Other counties within Central Ontario, Oberholzer said, such as Northumberland County and Victoria County, have within the past 10 years developed Operations and Development plans that have the MOE's approval.

But the MOE has "no provincial-wide strategy to do this," he said.

"A decision was made by the District Manager about seven years ago to work

with municipalities."

The MOE is now requiring municipalities to develop Operations and Development plans that have MOE approval, Oberholzer said.

As part of that project, the Peterborough MOE office is now pressuring the northern counties of Central Ontario to upgrade their landfills. But, Oberholzer said, the MOE only "gets so many done a year."



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

Testing, one-two-three

Minden resident Gayle Grainger, centre, was one of the Minden Valu-mart patrons who took advantage of the recent diabetes testing clinic. Registered Nurse Judy Webb, left, administered the tests with the assistance of dietitian Janice Lewis. Owner of the Minden Valu-mart Lynda Easton said the clinic was offered as a service to her customers. She plans to have other health-related clinics in the future.

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First ice rescue of 2004

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

It was a quieter than normal Christmas season for the Stanhope fire department, which was called out seven times. Better yet, none of the calls were to major structural fires.

Usually there are nine calls for the same time period.

In going over his report, Fire Chief John Hogg noted that there was a lot of confusion when a motorist called 911 to report that there was a person lying on the side of "Hwy. 121 north of Carnarvon." There is no Hwy. 121 north of Carnarvon so the OPP, which received the call, called the Stanhope and Dysart fire departments. (The former Hwy. 121 runs through Dysart.)

"The motorist wasn't sure where he was," said Hogg.

The Stanhope and Dorset fire departments were also called to their first ice rescue call of the season over the holidays when ATVs went through the ice on Wren Lake.

"Since people couldn't take their snowmobiles onto the lake [because of thin ice] they took their ATVs instead," he said. "Fortunately the water wasn't deep so there wasn't much rescue involved. Everyone was safe."

When Stanhope was called to a chimney fire on Shangri-La Road on an icy morning, the department first had to call the roads department to sand the road. The roads department responded immediately and there was no trouble getting to the call. Luckily, the fire stayed in the chimney and didn't spread to the rest of the building.

Council will write a letter of appreciation and gratitude to Dave Johnson, a long-time volunteer firefighter who is retiring from the department.

Dispatch

The two companies which are vying to provide dispatch services for the Stanhope fire department appear to have widely different costs.

At first glance at the bids, it appears Northern Communication Services out of Sudbury would charge 11 cents per resident, or roughly \$110 a month with no set-up fee. TAS Page

Communications of Peterborough said it would charge a \$1,500 development fee and then \$750 a month for the first year, \$800 a month for the second year and \$850 a month for the third year of a three-year contract.

Five companies were asked to bid on the contract but only these two companies responded. TAS's bid was opened first, eliciting a "Wow" from Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner. There was a sense of relief when the second bid was opened and the cost appeared to be much lower.

An ad hoc committee will review the tenders before making a recommendation at the next council meeting.

The contract will remain in effect even after 911 is introduced later this year. The 911 dispatcher will forward the calls to Stanhope's dispatcher.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Algonquin Highlands

Skating rinks

Public response to the outdoor ice rinks in Dorset and behind the Stanhope firefighters' hall has been enthusiastically positive.

Councillor Kerry Lock said that over the Christmas holidays there were often 60 people a day at the Dorset rink, which now also hosts Tuesday night hockey games.

"It's awesome; I can't say enough about it," she said of the rink.

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner was equally pleased with the Stanhope rink, especially now that there are Christmas lights for night skating.

Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone was pleased with the work that's been done on the ice surfaces. "Our crews everywhere are doing a great job."

Clarification

In the previous council briefs it was noted that it will cost \$7,500 to send airport manager John Packer to an important airplane show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Council is seeking financial support from community partners to subsidize the cost of promoting the county's only airport.

Off to the races

People who want to see their council in action can attend Dorset's Snowball on February 21, when councillors will be responsible for running the minnow races. Meanwhile the Stanhope fun day is this Saturday starting at 11 a.m..

Lofty Pines OMB date in six months

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

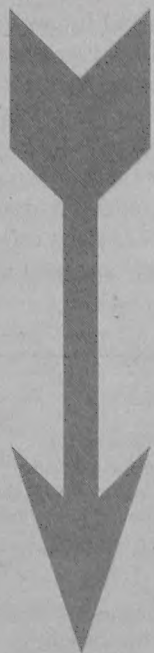
Allan and Lynne Bertrand submitted an application for a zoning bylaw amendment more than two years ago but a decision is still more than six months away now that an Ontario Municipal Board hearing has been scheduled to begin on June 14.

The couple owns Lofty Pines, a cottage resort on Lake Kashagawigamog. They submitted an application to Minden Hills to change the zoning from rural on one piece of the property to tourist commercial exception. The plan is to remove 10 cottages that have legal non-conforming status with the municipality's setbacks and erect four new three-bedroom time-share units that would be farther back from the water.

Jacque Tschekalin, Minden's planning consultant, recommended last spring the amendment be approved because all of the property would be zoned tourist commercial, the new buildings would be closer to meeting setbacks and a new tile field would handle septage. She said the Ministry of the Environment approved the septic bed so there would be no adverse lake effect.

Residents and members of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization disagreed but council decided to pass the amendment last May. Kelly Sinclair, who stepped up as a representative of the residents opposed to the development, says the MOE should not approve the development because the lake has been deemed to be at capacity. Sinclair and other residents are also opposed to the new time-share units not being put back 66 feet as per the municipality's setback regulations. Sinclair has officially challenged Minden council's decision and taken her case to the OMB.

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Half of county's logging operations used tree markings

But those operations represent majority of wood produced, new forestry by-law officer reports

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

Although half of the logging operations in Haliburton County last year used tree marking to determine which trees should be cut, those operations represent a hefty majority of the wood that was produced.

The 32 operations yielded 543,000 board feet and 20,000 tons of lumber. In comparison, the 31 operations which used diameter limits to guide cutting generated 195,000 board feet. Those cuts represent 4,153 acres of land, or 16.8 square kilometres.

This was the first report by the county's new forestry by-law enforcement officer, Adam Barkovitz. He started in January and one of his first tasks was to update the statistics on the last six months of 2003.

"All of the operations I've seen have permits," Barkovitz assured council. Loggers have been very receptive to his inspections and "there seems to be acceptance of the new by-law."

He said there was a slow start to logging operations in the fall because "a lot of operators were waiting for the deep freeze. They are working quite hard now to get a lot of work in before spring break-up."

Barkovitz is about to work with the county's solicitor to come up with a policy allowing him to issue tickets. This would avoid the need to go to court whenever there's an infraction.

Wetland mapping

Satellites can provide amazing information, but they can sometimes read that information wrong.

To make sure that satellites have not improperly identified wetlands throughout the county, the county has established a committee to go over its wetland mapping and verify that all the information is correct.

"The big issue," said CAO Gary King, "is to decide how the maps will be used if and when there's an Ontario Municipal Board hearing – the rules and procedures of interpreting the maps."

"The imaging was done by satellite," Warden Bill Davis said, "and what it says is a

wetland may be a dead beaver meadow. It's important that we try to correct any errors we see now."

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Haliburton County

Haliburton's crown

Michelle Simmons came to council to introduce herself as she prepares to represent the county as Miss Teen Haliburton in an upcoming pageant.

The Kinnmount-area teen is a sixth generation Haliburtonian and although she attends high school in Fenelon Falls she says her heart is in Haliburton.

She has chosen mental illness as her cause. "I'd like to demolish the stigma with mental illness, the orphan child of the healthcare industry."

While nearly every family is touched in some way by mental illness, few people like to talk about it. By hiding the problem,



Just after Tom Simmons was nearly killed in an accident, his "second family" arrived at his house in Snowdon to cut and split three loads of wood. Simmons was deeply touched by this gesture from fellow county roads workers and praised the services available in this county when he dropped by county council with his granddaughter, Miss Teen Haliburton Michelle Simmons, to give his thanks.

mental health does not get the funding it deserves.

She competes in London from April 1 to 4. "I'm asking for moral support, not financial support because I'm going whether you support me or not," she said with the Simmons spunk.

"I know you'll represent Haliburton County well," Warden Bill Davis said.

Library

More and more people are accessing their local library through the Internet. Visits to the county's library website are up 50 per cent compared to the previous years.

Roughly 1,000 requests a month are made through the website, which people can use to order books.

CAP funding

Federal funding for the community Internet access sites at local libraries winds up this spring. King recommended that the county pick up the costs for at least six months in light of its application for broadband infrastructure funding through Connect Haliburton. The funding agencies will want to see that the county is committed to providing Internet access if they are to grant the money, he said.

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LANDOWNER SERVICES DIRECTORY

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council is publishing a second edition of the *Landowner Services Directory*, a reference list of businesses and professionals offering resource management services and information in Haliburton County. Inclusion in and distribution of the Directory is FREE. Businesses and professionals in the following categories are invited to participate:

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HHHS will balance budget for first time

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The January meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board was held in Minden on January 22. Chair Dr. Dick Charron welcomed Don LaCombe, the new representative from Galway, Cavendish and Harvey.

The education portion of the meeting was HHHS Chief Financial Officer Cathy Outram's conclusion of the presentation she started at the December meeting but was unable to finish because of time restrictions. She explained how the books are balanced and touched on subjects such as cumulative deficits, equity, long-term liabilities, long-term benefits, depreciation of equipment, cost amortization among others.

Outram explained that equity is the difference between assets and liabilities and that HHHS had been operating with negative equity – "which in business terms means you are bankrupt" – until government funding was forthcoming last year. For the first time, the HHHS will have a surplus, but Outram explained that it will be used to pay down the cumulative deficit.

Board member Rob Eaton suggested some of the surplus be used to pay off part of the deficit, while some be held back, deferring the payment of the deficit over the next few years. Outram explained that holding the surplus is not an option. She said it is not a matter of paying off a debt but an accounting procedure.

On a positive note, she pointed out that the interest on the cumulative deficit will be drastically reduced. "We won't have the big interest charges this year," she said.

HHHS will face continued pressure, Outram noted, because of increasing costs. Staff wages are the biggest single cost and government funding is not tied to provincially mandated salary increases or inflation.

"That's a squeeze that automatically takes place," HHHS CEO Keith Sansford interjected.

Mock disasters

Emergency preparedness is a priority at HHHS facilities. To make sure staff members are able to cope if a disaster strikes, and to assist with making the appropriate procedures, mock disasters will be held in Haliburton on April 22 and in Minden on April 23.

Stewardship and Resources

Board member Jeanne Anthon presented a report from the Stewardship and Resources Committee and asked Outram to elaborate and answer questions.

Outram noted that money "goes a lot

quicker than we expect." She said the negotiated staff wage increases add \$300,000 to the budget. Implementation of an infection control program, as a result of the SARS outbreak almost a year ago, have also added unexpected costs.

The radiologist shortage has been solved. Outram pointed out that two radiologists are now on staff. Some part-time nursing positions have become full-time, adding to the complement of staff.

Sansford noted that, from a human resources perspective, "some things are falling through the cracks. We need a human resources manager," he said. With a staff of 200 people, HHHS should have two human resources personnel.

Board member Peter White said he would like "a lot more information or a business plan to justify the new positions. I hope there won't be any hasty decisions," he said.

There is constant pressure to make operations of HHHS facilities as efficient as possible. "Pretty much everything has been squeezed out [in terms of inefficiencies]," Outram said. "We've been operating under pressure for eight years."

HHHS may be the only health services board in the province to present a balanced budget this year.

HHHS Foundation

HHHS Foundation Executive Director Dale Walker reported that the capital loan has been reduced by \$240,000 since April 1 of 2003. The balance of the capital loan is \$1,345,727.

Walker said the "Jolliest Holiday" Christmas campaign was a great success, with a net profit of \$58,000. There were 750 donors, an addition of 85 donors from the previous year. She thanked the board members for their support.

The annual Deck & Dock Dinner is Thursday, May 13 in Toronto.

The Rotary Charity Golf Classic is at the Delta Pinestone Resort on July 22. Walker said 108 golfers have already registered. Anyone who is interested in participating should register soon.

The goal for this year's Rotary Charity Golf Classic is \$60,000.

Walker reported that some "exciting things" are expected to happen at the Haliburton Highlands Tranquility Trail at the Haliburton Hospital this year. She said the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council has committed money for the boardwalk development and it hopes to use the park as a demonstration site. Other potential donors are interested in the development.

The "Footprints of Love" baby wall has been installed at the Haliburton hospital. Parents of babies born at the Haliburton and Minden sites will receive a letter from the Foundation this spring.

Kate Campbell signs on as Maria in The Sound of Music

The lengthy search is over and the Highlands Summer Festival has announced the cast for this season's production of *The Sound of Music*.

"It was a difficult and lengthy process," Director Dave Mills says. "The audition team took two weekends, carefully weighing the talents of 61 actors. I was very impressed with how well prepared the actors who came for the auditions were and the depth of talent we have in the Highlands. I know we have brought together a group of individuals who will make Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical come alive this summer."

Those sentiments were echoed by Music Director Melissa Stephens and Choreographer Julie Barban. "These choices are never easy," Stephens says. "The actors gave it their best. We knew they really wanted to be a part of the production by the effort they put into their auditions."

"I was impressed with the enthusiasm and desire demonstrated by the actors," Barban added. "The most difficult part of the process was knowing that there would be some actors who we could not include in the cast."

Mills said the team of directors is excited with the talent they will be working with this summer. "In particular, we are pleased to welcome Kate Campbell back to the Highlands Summer Festival stage," Mills said. She will be playing the lead role of Maria.

A former Haliburton area resident, Campbell appeared in the first season of Highlands Summer Festival before leaving to study dramatic arts at Sheridan College in Toronto. A graduate of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Campbell appeared in a number of student and Little Theatre productions including *Grease*, *Anne of Green Gables* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, among others. Campbell was featured in the opening season in the musical review *Coping* and the touching dramatic play, *Salt Water Moon*. She is delighted to have the opportunity to return to the Festival stage, especially in the coveted role of Maria in *The Sound of Music*.

Playing opposite her as Captain von Trapp will be Christopher Greaves. He appeared in the Highlands Little Theatre production of *Brigadoon* 10 years ago.

The role of the abbess will be played by Festival veteran Lauren McInnes. She has appeared as a musician and actor in

the Festival since its inception.

The eldest daughter of the von Trapp family, Liesl will be played by Jocelyn Regina, while the part of the young man courting her, Rolf, will be played by David Morgan.

Tom Regina, who has appeared on the Festival stage each season since it began, will play the impresario Max, while newcomer Marilyn Hawley was chosen for the role of Elsa, the Baroness.

Everyone familiar with the story will recall the seven von Trapp family children. In addition to Liesl, the cast for these roles includes: Shane Dibblee as Friedrich; Claire Flatman as Louisa; Jordyn Archer as Brigitta; Lauren Snelgrove as Marta; Justin vanLieshout as Kurt; and the youngest child, Gretl, will be played by Clarissa Greaves.

The chorus of nuns includes Chris Archer, Ruth Carter, Dianne Greaves, Betty Mills, Jesse Pflugg, Laura Stouffer and Melissa Guyatt. Rounding out the cast will be Maureen Johnson as the housekeeper Frau Schmidt, Franz the butler, played by Jack Brezina and Max Ward in the role of Zeller.

"This is the largest single cast we have ever had in the history of the Highlands Summer Festival," Craig Saunders, president of the organization, said. "There are 23 roles cast and still a few to be named. We know from the enthusiasm of the actors and the interest in the community this is going to be a very popular production."

He noted the Festival has scheduled more than the usual number of performances for *The Sound of Music*, including two Sunday matinees. "The hills of the Highlands will certainly be alive with *The Sound of Music* this summer," he concluded.

The Sound of Music will be presented by the Festival July 5, 6, 11, 12, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29 and August 2 and 3. Tickets are available from the Highlands Summer Festival box office at 705-457-9933. The details of the summer season are available on the organization's website at www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca.

Auditions for the two other productions this season, *Thriller of the Year* and the comedy, *The Perfect Rhyme* will be held Sunday, March 7. The Highlands Summer Festival will also feature the classical music concert, this year entitled *Encore*.

A Message From Smoking Stinks! The Hunger

I wait in anticipation as you open the package and I am liberated.

I slowly grin as the match flares and I awaken.

I am ravenous and as you welcome me into your lungs, I curl and cling and claw your life core away.

I feast.

I laugh at you, foolish being, as with every breath you take, you invite me to slither in and wrap my coils around your will, your vigour, your plans.

I scheme with the illusion I create for you that you are "cool", "invincible", "mature".

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By Melanie Shapiera, Student
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

No appreciation

How many times have we heard people say something like, "I pay my taxes like everybody else and I don't get anything for my money." That type of comment often comes from seasonal residents. They seem to forget that their taxes help to pay for a myriad of services that must be provided year-round.

Obviously those people who utter such statements don't appreciate these services they share with those of us who live here year-round.

One of the biggest expenses the municipality and the county have is construction and maintenance of our roads. How would you get to your property if the only thoroughfares in the county that were maintained were Highways 35 and 118? Try getting up some snowy morning in January at 5 o'clock to stop one of the county or municipal snowplow drivers and tell him you don't think you are getting enough bang for your buck. Or call county roads superintendent Doug Ray or Minden Hills roads super Kevin Hill after they have been working on their budgets and tell them you are paying too much to have the municipal road to your residence maintained. We don't think they would be impressed.

Fire protection is something that is necessary year-round. Ask your insurance company if your buildings would be insured if there was no fire protection. Chances are, if you could get coverage, it would have to be through Lloyds of London and the premiums would cost more than the property is worth.

But the volunteer firefighters aren't paid a salary, you might argue. That is true. These selfless individuals provide their services for a stipend. But they are continuously being trained to upgrade their skills and the municipality provides the equipment they need to do their volunteer jobs. Have you priced a fire truck or emergency vehicle lately?

Police services are now largely paid for by municipalities. The province pays for some services and equipment, but much of the cost of police services is borne by the local taxpayer. Could one or more of those break and enter artists who have been caught have had the intention of relieving you of some of your property – had they not been caught? Did one of the RIDE checks carried out throughout the year take somebody off the road who might have caused an accident involving someone close to you?

The cost of ambulance services is partly the responsibility of the county. Would you be willing to sacrifice the security of knowing help is available, should you or a loved one suffer a medical emergency, in exchange for lower taxes? We didn't think so.

And then there's the availability of the local landfill sites, which are proving to be an increasing headache for municipalities as they are faced with spiralling costs to maintain them. Minden Hills ratepayers will shoulder the financial burden of closing some of the municipality's dumps sooner than expected.

The list goes on.

There are costs associated with property ownership anywhere. Lake frontage is the most valuable of all properties and is taxed according to value.

If you are not willing to make the occasional sacrifice for the "privilege" of living in God's Country, away from the rat race of city life, with a view that most people can only dream about, why would you even consider buying a cottage or seasonal residence out here in "the boonies?"

If you feel you are not getting your money's worth, perhaps you have come to the wrong place.

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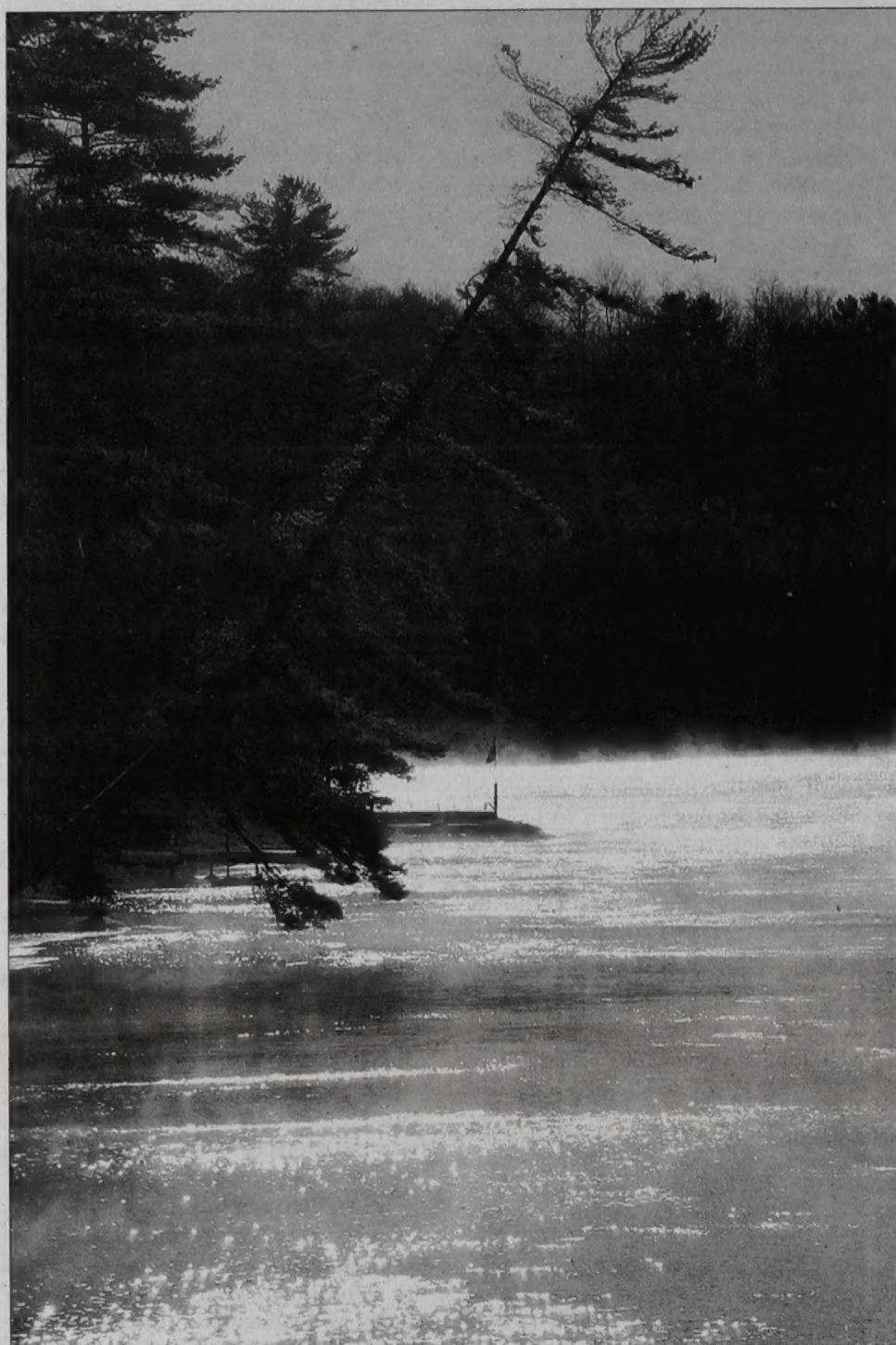
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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Mountain Lake: sparkle and steam.

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

'No mismanagement'

To the Editor:

Re: "Down in the Dumps" January 12, 2004.

While I cannot comment on the implications of your story with respect to landfill sites within the other municipalities, I take some exception to the broad brush the story's lead-in presumes with respect to allegations of mismanagement at either of the (former) Snowdon Township landfill sites "over a decade." No such mismanagement took place, either through willful neglect nor omission.

Regular inspection and reporting protocols were on-going by the Ministry of the Environment, as well as Robinson Consultants, who were retained by Snowdon Township to provide the technical expertise to comply with MOE standards and regulations.

All of the Robinsons' reports and projections were submitted to the MOE for review on a regular and routine basis. I am satisfied that Robinson's calculations

and methodology during their contractual tenure with Snowdon Township were sound, timely and based upon 'best practices' as well as well considered growth projections for the municipality.

I personally facilitated much of the dialogue between the MOE and Robinsons, where issues of clarification and timetables were required. All reporting by Robinson and the MOE were shared amongst the parties, as well as forwarded to Council and discussed, with the requisite remedial actions strategized and planned as best the Township's human and fiscal capabilities allowed.

All cover and compaction activities at the sites were completed by a private contractor in compliance with approved schedules and protocols as set out by Robinson and approved by the MOE.

Snowdon Township was held in sufficiently high regard that we/I was asked by MOE to host a workshop for MOE staff

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Mood swings

This morning I woke up in a fantastic mood, as I always do. So when I noticed some on-line advice entitled "Seven ways to stop being cranky," I really didn't have any need to read it. But I thought, hey, maybe I might be able to pass along valuable advice to less fortunate people. Well, I was wrong.

The first suggestion was simple. It advised smiling when you're cranky. "No one can remain angry when they have a smile on their face," was the exact quote. Personally, I'm not so sure. I mean if you're confronted by, say, an irate wife who has just discovered, for instance, that you've been ranching earthworms in her prized potted plants, this advice just might not cut it.

In fact, it might even be counterproductive or dangerous to say, "Hey, turn that frown upside down." Trust me on this one. Better advice would be to deny any connection with said worms. I generally blame mysterious international live bait cartels.

Needless to say, after giving this some thought I was a bit put off.

Unfortunately, the next piece of advice was no better. It said, "Clean your room."

Yeah right. Like that's going to help. So they're saying that, if deadlines are getting me down, if bills are piling up and family pressure is getting to be too much, I should do the one thing that irritates me the most – tidy up my room. Sounds like they got their psychology degree from watching 12 episodes of *Dr. Phil*.

Worse still, my wife saw that one and gave me a big "I told you so." Great ...

And get this next gem – "If you are angry, wear a blue shirt." Blue? Yup, blue. They say it's a calming colour. Well, maybe to some folks. To me it reminds me of this lake I know that is

so blue and clear that the huge rainbow trout in it are pretty well impossible to catch! It's frustrating. To make matters worse, these people say that orange is an irritant.

Well I happen to love orange! Not only does it bring to mind comforting thoughts of citrus fruit and warm weather, but it also rekindles fond memories of my favorite deer-hunting clothes. Don't they know that blaze orange has saved many lives?

Then, after working you up like that, they have the nerve to tell you to play music to calm yourself down. So I turned on the radio and heard a remake of an old

disco tune – one that brought back horrific flashbacks of the fateful day when I fell off my platform shoes and scraped all the hair off my forehead. By the way, the

man who cleaned my hospital room and Chicken-danced off with my girl never stopped smiling and was wearing blue.

So, just when I'm ready to give up reading this "advice," they suggest that I should "shake up my taste buds." How? By – and I'm not making this up – adding orange juice to my coffee!

Desperate for some joy, I tried this. At least it had something to do with a colour I like. Unfortunately, I couldn't help spitting it out. It tasted terrible. How was I supposed to know that my wife was going to walk into the line of fire? Now she's not talking to me – except to tell me to clean my room.

Okay, okay, I thought, at least there are two more tips on how to not be cranky. Well, there's not. They lied to me. They promised seven and gave five.

Ripped me off. As if I don't get enough of that in the real world.

I'm trying to smile now. Maybe it will help.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Water, water everywhere

My great-grandparents, God bless 'em, are no longer with us, and perhaps it's just as well. I think a single, 60-second glimpse of the modern world would drive them stark, raving bonkers. Consider: my great-grands all died before 1900, which means they never saw a pilot – light, airplane or Palm. They would not know what to make of the initials ICU, IUD or IBM. They would be equally mystified by an I Mac, a Big Mac and a Mack Truck.

But I think the phenomenon my forebears might have most difficulty wrapping their minds around is the sight of modern day folks voluntarily and enthusiastically buying drinking water.

Savour that on the tongue for a moment: we *buy* drinking water. The earth is 80% water. It lies around unsupervised and unclaimed in lakes and streams and puddles. Ninety-nine per cent of the water that comes out of Canadian taps is perfectly drinkable and free. And yet we line up to purchase pricey little plastic bottles of the stuff.

And not just for our own consumption. Last week I wrote about an Australian entrepreneur who is currently marketing

a product called Dog Plus K-9 water.

That would be flavoured designer water. For dogs.

Is he crazy? Crazy like a fox terrier. He's charging \$2.70 a bottle and the stuff is flying off the shelves.

Watermania is morphing into new and even more bizarre behaviour. It is now routine to see people walking down the street, shopping in stores, all the while clutching their canteens of Evian or Naya or Dasani water.

Like – what, folks? You're going to expire of dehydration walking from your car to the Seven-Eleven? Future archeologists will find your bleached skeleton curled up in front of the supermarket deli section?

Canada doesn't have a Death Valley. There are no Gobis or Saharas in the Great White North. As a matter of fact we have more fresh water than any nation in the world. And we've got backup reserves in glaciers, icebergs, permafrost and Arctic ice-packs. The

country is not without its hazards – you can drown, go over Niagara Falls or be buried 50 feet deep in an avalanche, but you can bet your houseboat you aren't going to die of thirst.

There are megatons of fresh water out there, and it's absolutely free.

But the strange truth is we *enjoy* paying for water. How else to explain the menu in the ultra-chic 2 West restaurant in New York's Ritz-Carlton?

Diners at the 2 West are offered a choice of 24, count 'em, 24 different brands of water. They range from flat to sparkling and, er, that's it, really.

Confused? No need. See that chap gliding up to your table brandishing a

cut-crystal goblet and a wagonload of hauteur? That's the Ritz-Carlton water sommelier. He's ready to offer his expert guidance to help you choose just the right brand of, well, water, to go with your meal.

Mind you, it's gonna cost ya. The cheapest bottle of water on the 2 West

menu goes for eight bucks U.S. – and for that you get a dinky little carafe that might fill a wineglass twice.

Is it a scam? You betcha. David Shaw, a food writer based in Los Angeles, says it's turned into quite the little money-maker for high-end restaurateurs.

"Order a bottle of water," he says, "and your waiter will refill your glass so frequently you'll go through several bottles in no time."

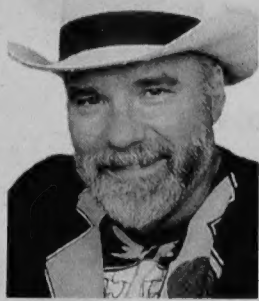
There seems to be something about water that brings out the charlatan in people. Not to mention the sucker. You heard about the big snowstorm that tied up New York last week? Well, it didn't tie up New Yorker Gilberto Triplitt. He set up a stand on a corner in downtown Manhattan and started selling – at a buck a pop – snowballs.

"Freshly hand-packed!" he shouted at passers-by. "Limited edition!"

He sold 60 in two and a half hours – even though customers had to wade through a foot of free snow to buy them. "I've always wanted a snowball," said one customer.

The next big trend folks. Remember you read it here first.

Designer snowballs.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Mismanagement inference 'unacceptable'

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within the approvals branch, which utilized data and configurations from reports prepared by Robinson Consultants for the Township.

All of this was well-documented, reported and filed at the time of amalgamation and subsequently turned over to the new municipality. Reassessment of the original Certificate of Approval on the Lochlin site was proceeding pursuant to other issues at the site, including land acquisition for attenuation purposes. To

describe any of this as "mismanagement" is grossly overstated and inaccurate.

For the record, during my tenure as Clerk-Treasurer of Snowdon township I had the pleasure of serving an extraordinary complement of elected officials, who were universally dedicated to their community, who were very poorly compensated for the aggravation and

demands of the position, but who preserved and worked within the fiscal limitations of a small community to provide

the very best services and foresight of planning on behalf of their ratepayers.

Further, we had some of the most outstanding and dedicated staff, all of whom continue to have remarkable profiles and make significant contributions to the well-being of their communities.

Respective councils and staff in Snowdon Township made notable advancements in, and provided outstanding service to their community over the years. To describe any of it as mismanagement is a disservice to those individuals and unacceptable.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Ernest Hills,
Former Clerk of Snowdon
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Minden.

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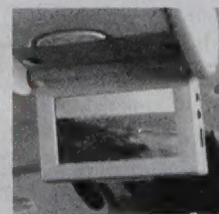
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Recycling is one of best ways to clean up landfill problem

To the Editor:

The following letter was first sent to Minden Hills council.

I read with interest and concern the serious challenge facing the township in meeting the short- and long-term issues with respect to the existing landfill sites. It is my view that a more aggressive mandatory re-cycling of materials at the source is required.

As a frequent user of the Scotch Line site, I have been impressed with the initiatives taken by the township in having on-site separation areas for various materials. It is indeed unfortunate that there are users who do not comply with the directions given.

In order to prolong the life of existing sites, aggressive mandatory garbage separation by commercial, residential and industrial customers is required. There may have to be a variety of incentives considered and a cost analysis done, in order to ensure compliance.

As a seasonal worker at a local recreation facility in the summer of 2003, I was amazed and distressed that all garbage, including recyclables, was simply bagged together and thrown in a bin for subsequent collection by a private contractor. When I voiced my concern, the owner indicated that it was just simply too expensive to separate.

While cost may be the case for non-compliance by many current commercial and industrial ratepayers council must provide the leadership and direction to ensure that we all work together on this problem. Re-cycling needs to be identified as a priority for council during 2004, to ensure that Minden Hills continues to value the protection of our environment for this and future generations.

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DAN CORNELL

Why not sell Stanhope airport?

An open letter to the Reeve and Councillors of Algonquin Highlands.

Stanhope Airport is getting quite a bit of news coverage lately, so I decided to check out an airport my brother and I and another gentleman used to own just north of the greatly expanded town of Barrie (It never made any money while we owned it so we sold it). I found that it's still privately owned and now showing a profit even though it has a number of large expenses – for example the present owner estimates that it costs \$30,000 to plow the runway. He receives no assistance from any level of government, municipal, provincial, federal and can still declare a profit.

Naturally I compared it to our airport. It continually costs the taxpayers of Algonquin Highland money to operate. I know the reeve insists it's a small amount but it is still a loss.

Now why doesn't Algonquin Highlands sell the airport to private interests? Instead of the taxpayers of the town putting money into the airport, the airport would be paying money into the township, and with the money realized from the sale Algonquin Highlands could then afford that sewage treatment plant suggested by that gentleman from the Kushog Lake Association which Reeve Harrison suggested would cost us millions of dollars (while at the same time insisting she was committed to the airport expansion which is supposed to cost us upwards of \$2.5 million).

Which project would benefit the greatest number of taxpayers?

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Which project would result in less anxiety for the taxpayers living at each end of the proposed runway as those planes fly overhead?

I think our elected representatives should carefully consider those points before saddling the taxpayers of Algonquin Highland with the cost of that expansion for years into the future.

Art Wall,
Maple Lake

Beware of telephone scams

To the Editor:

I have read the article on the latest telephone scam regarding Hydro phoning about cell phone promotions. For those who do not know, Bell Canada has promotions for cell phones but the Hydro does not.

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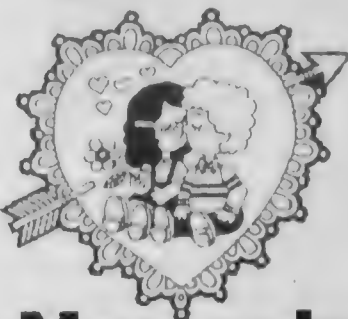


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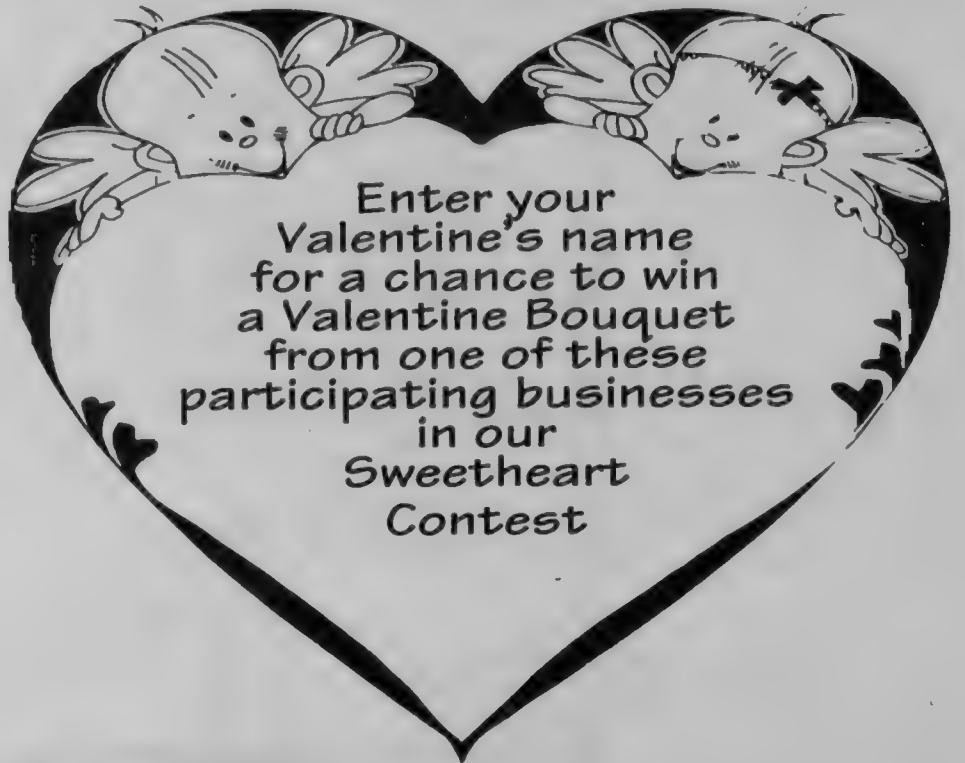
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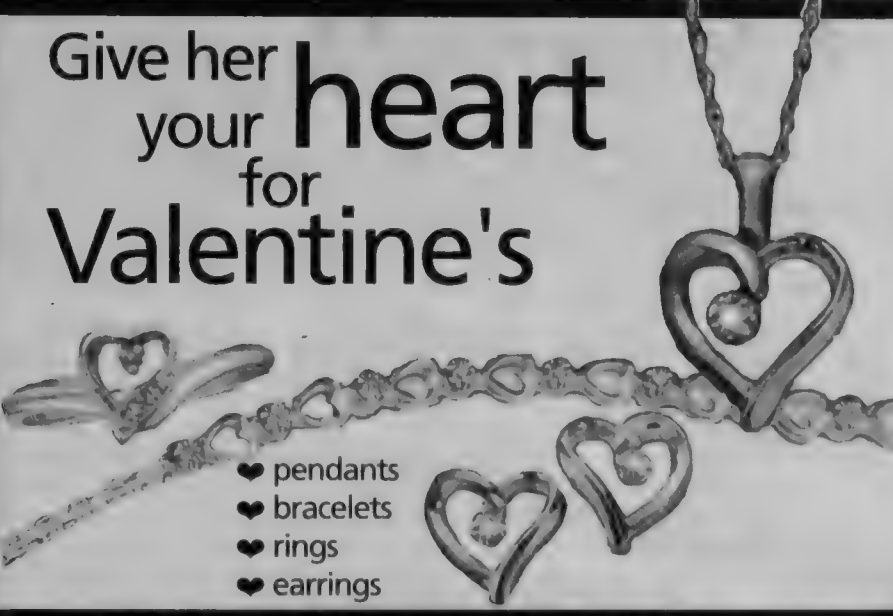
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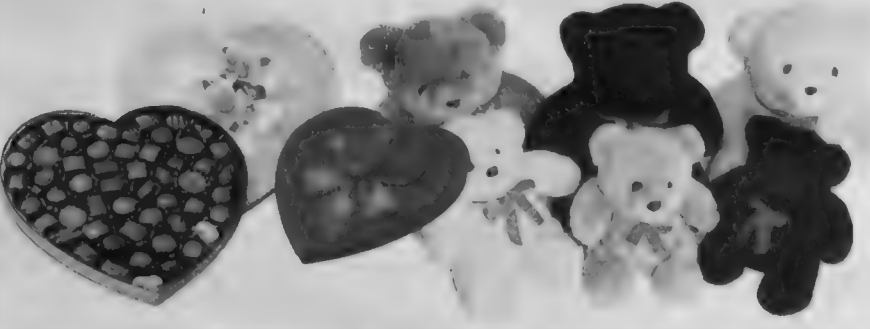


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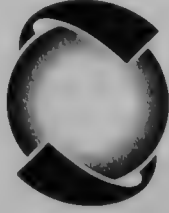


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Ed Werenich brings his broom to Minden

Representing Avonlea and possibly all of Ontario, Ed Werenich earned a trip to the Ontario Curling Association Men's Championship in Owen Sound after defeating Chris Fulton's team from Rideau, Ottawa to capture the Ontario East Zone at the Minden Curling Club on Jan. 19. The three-day competition had locals riveted to their seats as the two teams battled right until the end. There were 16 teams who challenged for the zone. Werenich and his team will face off against Ontario West challengers Kirk Ziola's team from Ilderton as well as 10 other teams for the right to represent Ontario at the Nokia Brier in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Below, Werenich watches his lead Lino Dilorio and son Ryan Werenich sweep for his rock midway through his game against Chris Fulton's team from Rideau, Ottawa. Fulton's lead Nicholas Aubin looks on.

Photos by Darren Lum



2003 a year of making inroads on trails

TRAILS&TOURS

Barrie Martin

TRAILS CERTAINLY MADE the headlines in 2003. Ontario's first ever hiking festival, ATV use of the rail trail, trail closures by landowners were a few of the stories that received media attention. The best news is that 2003 was a big year for trail development. Volunteers, local trail organizations and the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network worked hard to improve existing trails and to develop some new ones.

Financial and in-kind support from the county, municipalities, and local businesses and funding from Haliburton County Development Corporation, the Trillium Foundation, Ontario Living Legacy, and the Ontario Small Town and Rural Economic Development Program helped to make it possible. A few highlights:

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has spent more in 2003 on trail development than any other year. Over \$150,000 has been spent to install four bridges, numerous culverts and make other trail improvements. There is now a new bridge over the Beech River, a vital link to snowmobile trails to the north. It demonstrates the proposed new "look" for all Haliburton County trails. Ten additional trailheads have been constructed and

are ready for installation on designated trails first thing in the spring.

Major improvements and additions have been made to area ski trails thanks to the efforts of the Haliburton Nordic Trails Association, Haliburton Ski Club, the Ski Friends of the Frost Centre and local resorts. Improvements include \$20,000 spent on widening 5 km of existing trail, the creation of 1 km of new trail, some new signage and the re-opening of the 6 km trail system at Twin Lakes Resort (Thanks to the owners and Bruce McLennan of Ogopogo Resort.) Wally Ozog, Ted Koelher, Margaret Brogden and other Ski Friends of the Frost Centre spent \$10,000 levelling, widening corners, installing culverts and constructing five bridges on 25 km of trails.

2003 also saw preparation of master plans and reports that will guide the development of the Haliburton Rail Trail, Head lake Trail and the IB&O Rail over the next few years.

It's happening, folks. Trails are being developed. Trails that will bring economic benefit to the community, promote healthy lifestyles and foster appreciation and protection of our natural environment. There is much more to come in 2004.

An Open and Shut Case?

On Friday, January 16, the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network organized and convened a meeting of parties affected by the recent announcement

that members of the Haliburton Forest Owners Association had closed their lands to trail use by the public. Jim Blake deftly facilitated discussion among representatives from the Haliburton Forest Owners Association, Haliburton Nordic Trails Association, HCSA, Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, Haliburton Tourism, the County of Haliburton, the municipalities of Dysart et al, Minden Hills, and Algonquin Highlands, and local MPP Laurie Scott. The discussion was constructive and the outcome positive with the landowners agreeing to re-open their lands to trail use and the stakeholders pledging to continue to lobby the provincial government further to make the necessary changes to the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program. The open and frank discussion resulted in a better understanding of the issue, more time for resolution and a stronger commitment by stakeholders to the cause. The trails may close again if a strong coordinated effort to effect change fails but it won't be for the lack of trying.

In hindsight, it was a meeting we should have had three or four months ago. We could have avoided the frustration, innuendo, trial by media, backroom chats, the lost tourism revenue and the perception of the forest landowners that they weren't getting community support for their cause. Nothing works better than good communication, good planning, coordination and patience.

For the record, the trails community including HNTA, HCSA and HHTTN, and local politicians have been working in support of the landowners cause for several months now. For example, representatives from the trail community have attended meetings in Queen's Park, written letters, made phone calls, and informed and worked with the Ontario Forestry Association and the Ontario Trails Council to lobby for change. Hats off to Don Gage and Andy Chvedukas for their hard work. Others have been making their points to MPAC, the Ministry of Finance and Liberal MPPs who cottage in the area. It is hoped that this recent coming together of stakeholders will result in an even stronger voice.

The trails community appreciates and values what landowners provide. Their support for trails in the past has been generous and for the future is essential if Haliburton County is to realize the full potential of its recreational trail systems. The trails community is committed to solving problems in a spirit of cooperation.

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Atoms place second at major Lift Lock tourney

by TOM HALEY
Special to The Times



Coaches Ron Yake, Tom Haley and Norm Bottom are proud of their hard-working team which battled its way all the way to the finals at a tournament in Peterborough. The team's record is 33 wins, five losses and three ties, scoring 249 goals while only allowing 64 into

The Highland Storm Atom Rep team competed in the annual Lift Lock Tournament in Peterborough on January 16, 17 and 18.

The first game saw the Storm up against Bancroft. That game featured end-to-end action with the Storm cruising to a 6-1 victory.

The second game had the Storm playing Douro. This proved to be a goaltender's battle with the Storm winning 2-0.

Saturday's game determined who would advance to the semi-finals on Sunday. The Storm faced a team from Belleville and carried most of the game, running into some strong goaltending by the Belleville goaltenders. The score ended 1-1 and, with the tie, the Storm had more points than Belleville and advanced to the semi's.

Sunday morning came early for a lot of the players who travelled down to face a team from Percy, but they came fired up and skated away with a 4-1 win.

That set the stage for the championship in the Memorial Centre against Twin Centre. With the lights low and the spotlight on the players, they were individually introduced, followed by the singing of O Canada. Then it was down to business for the two teams.

Twin Centre scored midway through the first to take the lead. The Atoms fought hard and had chances to score but were unable to tickle the twine. Twin Centre scored late in the third to preserve the win.

Hats off to the players who gave their best and enjoyed a fabulous weekend.

This team has had an incredibly success-

ful season so far. To date, including league, exhibition and tournaments, the Atom Rep team has compiled a record of 33 wins, five losses and three ties. They have scored a scorching 249 goals and allowed a stingy 64 goals against.

Players on this year's team include Zach Harrison, Ian Bottom, Kevin Nelson, Cole Rowden, Scooter Hunter, Greg Clements, Mark Vasey, Brett Yake, Brandon Yake, Zane Zondervan, Aaron Hillier, Ashton Haley and Carson Roberts.

Playoffs begin Saturday, January 31 against Ennismore with the return game being held at the Minden Arena Sunday, February 1 at 5:00. Come out and cheer on the boys as they start their journey in the OMHA playoffs.

Travis Walker paces Wolves to victory

Minden's Travis Walker played a big role in the Central Ontario Wolves Midget AAA hockey team's win over Barrie at Base Borden on January 25. He scored a goal and assisted on one more as the Wolves blanked Barrie 4-0.

Walker's goal proved to be the game winner as he opened the scoring early in the second period of the game.

Walker's teammates include some other Haliburton County players - Ryan Bottom of Haliburton and Minden boys Zack Joanu and Aaron Keaney. Keaney was out of the lineup for this game with an injury.

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Minden's Jessica Carrell, 11, is completely consumed in finalizing her snow sculpture, above, while at right, Jade St. Peter warms up with some hot chocolate.



Stanhope embraces winter



Stanhope hosted its first Snow Day for 150 people on January 24. There were wildlife presentations, broomball games, contests, snow sculpting, horse drawn wagon rides through the snow and sweet and hot treats. Despite the blistering -30° temperatures, organizers heard only good things from the event participants and the turnout far exceeded their expectations. The event was organized by the Stanhope Recreation Committee. Above, an event volunteer gives a young boy a high five under the picnic shelter that was transformed into a skating rink/broomball playing area. At right a young participant gets a closer look at "Sonic" the snapping turtle from the Wye Marsh animal centre. The centre's project coordinator Lisa Montgomery gave her "wet 'n scaly" presentation, educating the audience about snakes, turtles, and salamanders. Photos by Darren Lum.



Competition gives skiers the edge

NORDIC NOTES

Blake Paton

We all need a little competition to keep us motivated, otherwise what's to stop you from convincing yourself that you should pack it in early or skip a day's skiing? The next thing you know you're being fitted for extra-stout sized underwear at the Big and Tall Shoppe.

If you're a youngster there are plenty of competitive opportunities. As skiers reach their 20s and beyond, there are lop-pets like the Algonquin Loppet or the Keskinada to shoot for. For others there is the Canadian Ski Marathon, an annual rite that challenges participants to complete 160km over two days.

Choose a competition and just do it for the fun of it—it really doesn't matter if you come first or last or somewhere in between. There is an appropriate challenge and age category waiting for all.

One of the most worthwhile events for older skiers is the Ontario Senior Winter Games. All senior (that means 55 years or older) cross country skiers are invited to try out to represent Haliburton in the 5 km cross country ski at the Senior Winter Games in 2005. These games will be held in Barrie during February. This winter Don Finigan and Pauline Plooard (who represented Haliburton cross country skiing in the 2003 games) are going to run the trials. There may be very little warning as to when the trials will occur but they will be at Glebe Park on a Tuesday when the senior skiers meet. You don't have to race; you predict the time it will take you to ski the 5 km loop and the closest to the predicted time is the winner.

The man and woman who represent Haliburton at the games may take a partner with them for an extra cost. The cost for meals and accommodation is highly subsidized. The games occur over two days ending with a banquet and awards ceremony. Haliburton usually enters a curling team and a bowling team, too, but there are opportunities for skating, hockey, downhill skiing, volleyball and other sports. You meet active seniors from all over Ontario and participate in a grand opening ceremony wearing neat Haliburton tartan vests.

Watch for the announcement of the trials. To ensure your participation in the trials call Pauline Plooard (286-1590) or Don Finigan (457-2487).



Darren Lum/TIMES

Twin Lakes trail reopens

The Twin Lakes Trail reopened recently thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Association. Unlike the the Glebe Park trail, which is considered a practice trail for races, the trail next to the Twin Lakes Resort on Hwy. 35 at 12 Mile Lake is well suited to the recreational skier. Here, original trail builder and the day's trail leader Peter Brogden warms himself up with a few runs along the trail. Ski passes are available at the Trails and Tours office in Carnarvon and most resorts.

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Tuesday Afternoon League January 19

High average: Ken Thompson 218; Lillian Mattison 178; Jean Pugh 178
High single: Ken Thompson 273; Mable Clendenning 199

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High triple: Ken Thompson 655; Jean Pugh 470
High triple (H): John Pugh 691; Cathy Hunt 690

Wednesday Afternoon League Jan. 20

High average: Ken Thompson 210; Jean Pugh 169
High single: Jerry Warren 234; Marg Schepers 215
High single (handicap): Ian Comrie 295; Marg Schepers 273
High triple: Jerry Warren 631; Marg Schepers 562
High triple (handicap): Bill Trapp 791; Marg Schepers 736

Thursday Afternoon League January 15

High average: Ken Thompson 204; Shirley Webb 195
High single: Ken Thompson 221; Shirley Webb 237
High single (handicap): Vern Chilton 269; Shirley Webb 285
High triple: Ken Thompson 613; Shirley Webb 585
High triple (handicap): Doug Burtch 715; Shirley Webb 729

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Legion 636 Mixed League January 19

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 189; Leitha Stearn 148
High single: Bob Vankoughnet 260; Beryl Hammington 203
High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 598; Beryl Hammington 583
High single (handicap): Roy Thompson 315; Beryl Hammington 269

High triple (handicap): Roy Thompson 731; Beryl Hammington 781

Team Matches

Happy Guard def. Low Rollers
Ink Spots def. Sue Shots
Gutter Groupies def. Miss & Hit

Legion 636 Mixed League January 26

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 187; Leitha Stearns 147

High single: John Ritchie 212; Pat Roussel 183
High triple: Fred Knight 571; Pat Roussel 443
High single (handicap): John Ritchie 256; Marie Dennie 258
High triple (handicap): Fred Knight 712; Mandy Rigby 666

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A Event

The winners of the A Event of the Winter Mixed Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club, sponsored by Westside Jug City were, left to right: Skip Alf Trotter, vice Dana Kinsman, second Doug Brown and lead Audrey MacMartin.



C Event

The Herb Gill Memorial Trophy for the C Event title of the Winter Mixed Bonspiel, sponsored by Richard Rogers, was presented to the winning team of skip Jack Taylor, vice Laura Whyte, second Scotty Boyd and lead Audrey Robson (left to right).



B Event

The winners of Golden's Stationers trophy, presented by Michelle St. Pierre of Golden's, left, included, left to right: Skip Ted Wilkes, vice Joan Davies, second Dave MacKay and lead Ruby Wilkes.



D Event

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Reporter off to Singapore

To Times readers:

This week is my last at the paper.

Two weeks ago I won a six-month research internship at an international institute in Singapore, writing reports on trade and environmental issues in Southeast Asia.

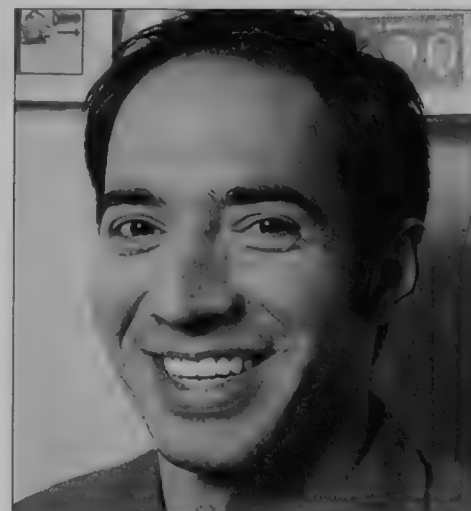
Readers may remember that in my self-introduction – not so long ago – I had mentioned my interest in Southeast Asia. I

decided to take the internship. It's not journalism, but I hope it may lead to work in the region, or on similar issues back in Canada. At the least I'm guaranteed a tan.

Journalism is a great job for meeting people who are up to all kinds of interesting things, and I met my share here. I thank them, and I thank the paper's readers, especially those who responded, either in praise or criticism. I appreciated both, but fortunately heard little from the latter.

Though my stay in Minden has been brief, I feel very fortunate *The Times* and *The Echo* proved to be great papers with a friendly and talented staff. If I meet any of my editorial colleagues at another news organization, I will be assured of having at least one good co-worker.

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Minden WI hear of pioneers

Our president welcomed the ladies of the Institute to a meeting which was held at the Art Gallery in Minden.

The convenor of the Tweedsmuir History book read a history of the early years of the pioneers who settled in this area. This was written by Jane Fairfield. The particular family she spoke about was the Hogg family who immigrated from Scotland in 1868. They settled in the Mountain Lake area and raised 13 children. This was a very informative talk. Our convenor was thanked with applause.

What a wonderful way to start the New Year!

We then proceeded with W.I. business. Minutes of our last meeting, the balance of our bank account cards that were sent out, Federated Women's Institute letting us know our fees will be raised, a letter from the Committee of the area conven-

tion asking everyone to write a letter to the government officials in support of the farmers re: the B.S.E. "The Mad Cow Disease." Also a letter enquiring about a suitable location for the area 1 day convention. Lastly but not least a letter from Angie Andrews from the Haliburton Pine Ridge Health Unit regarding her attendance at a meeting to discuss any health related topic.

Current Events for the months of November & December were read with our member given her usual applause.

We were asked to serve sandwiches and a sweet tea and coffee for a meeting at the arena on January 31. This will be arranged.

We held our draws and the meeting closed with our W.I. Grace and lunch of course.



OPP supports kids

The Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police donated more than \$600 to Family Services of Haliburton County for its Summer Camp Program for children. The money came from police auctions of unclaimed and seized items. The presentation was made at the January CPAC (Community Police Advisory Committee) meeting. Fay Martin, executive director of Family Services of Haliburton County accepted the cheque from OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli. Martin told the committee the donation was a really good investment for the OPP to make. "Recreation pays off big time," she said. "It reduces the incidence of problem kids." It costs about \$500 to send a child to camp and Family Services sends an average of 50 kids a year to camp each year. Left to right: Bob Walli, Fay Martin and Jim McMahon, chair of CPAC.

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Canadian Blood Services continues to experience an unprecedented demand for blood and blood products within the Greater Toronto Region. This demand is driven by the on-going increase in surgeries, traumas and blood-related therapies, which are taxing hospital inventories to their limit.

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Students exploring new skills at ASES

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Kaily Schell has stars in her eyes as she pretends to be a rock star while learning how to play guitar and best of all she's doing it in class time.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's new winter electives program is proving popular with students.

Principal Rick Thorne says the concept is to give kids the chance to learn new skills that fit within the curriculum, such as skiing, dancing, dog sledding, pottery, and printmaking, but which are not usually offered as part of the daily program.

The students were given a list of 14 different activities to choose from and will spend four days in January and February learning the associated skills. The program is self-funded so each elective had a cost ranging from \$2 to \$55 for four days at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Centre.

Wayne Rose potters - or putters, depending on how you look at it - between tables of students in an art room. Rose, a professional potter, was one of the many community experts offering their teaching expertise. He was laughing and joking around with the kids about making worms, little clay ropes that will become part of a little pot. Rose says the program is a great opportunity to expose the kids to something new.

Thorne says the idea is to get students to use group dynamic skills, do co-operative problem solving, and stretch their minds as well as their bodies.

"It puts the students in an entirely different light."

He added it also gives students a chance to see teachers in a different light, as they join the students in trying out new skills - and not always succeeding at first go.

The program can spark new passions. Thorne says his own son tried snowboarding during an elective and has put his whole heart into the sport ever since. All students from Grades 1 to 8 have an opportunity to participate in the program.

"The students are really excited about the program and parents are very supportive. It's getting good buzz," says Thorne.



Seven-year-old Peter Martin learns the timeless art of pottery from Wayne Rose during ASES's new winter electives program



Haliburton Dance Arts instructor Terry Matthews, not shown, leads a student group during the second half of the dance instruction offered among ASES elective choices during January and February.



ASES students have been enthusiastically learning guitar as one of the winter electives available to them this year.



Kids make a pyramid: top left to bottom right are Erica Carmount, Maia O'Sullivan, Cassi-Jo Berry, Brenda Mercer, and Haily Perin.

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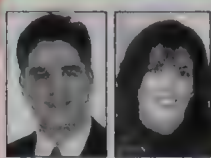
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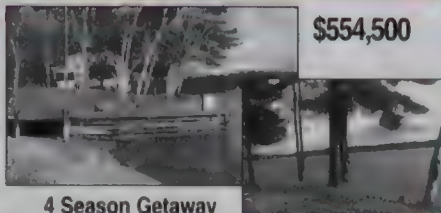
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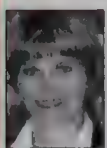
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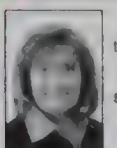
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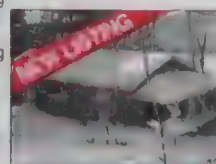


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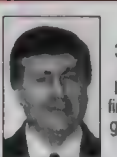
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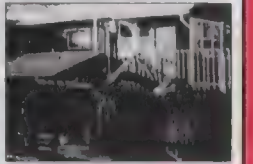
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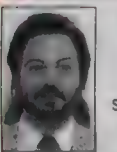
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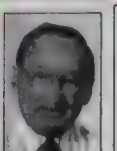
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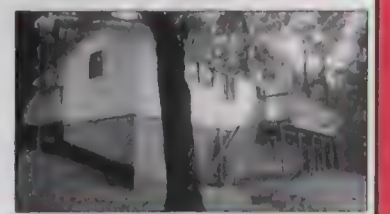
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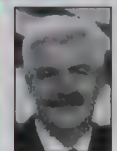
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In Stanhope, there are many people who volunteer their time to make the community a better place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Recreation Committee and local volunteers who gave their time to give the community a wonderful Skating Party and Winter Fun Day. Also I would like to thank the Stanhope Fire Department, more specifically Renzo Rosati, for helping us maintain our outdoor skating rink. It is good people such as yourselves who make the community come together. I think you should all give yourselves a pat on the back for the great job you do for your community. Here's hoping that the community will always have great people like you.

Dance the night away or sit and enjoy the music! The Edgar Wyllie band will be playing at the Carnarvon Bowl and Billiards. Get to know the band and its style with members Rick Stamp, Leo Henry, Floyd Henry and Callum Wood. The dance is on January 31st and will start at 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, what a deal! This dance is open to the public so put on your dancing shoes and have a night out with Edgar Wyllie.

It seems that the snow has attracted snowmobilers to Stanhope. If you are a snowmobiler and want to brush up on some general do's and don'ts of the trails or if you want to become a snowmobiler in the Highlands and need some tips, here's an opportunity you won't want to miss!

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At Stanhope's Winter Fun Day, a young girl indulges her sweet tooth at the sugar shack, eating some maple syrup candy provided by Eme Family Syrup.

Snowmobile Association welcomes you to a snowmobile workshop on January 31st. The day includes a review of trail safety, etiquette, trip planning and more. For the first-time snowmobile buyer, experts will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about your purchase. Then, the moment you have all been waiting for! This workshop also allows you to enjoy first-hand, the beautiful trails of the Highlands. The workshop costs \$40/person, this price includes lunch and a snowmobile ride. For more information or to register call 705-489-4049 or e-mail info@trail-sandtours.on.ca

If you're hungry for a good time, join the Zion United Church's UCW for a Roast Beef Dinner. The Dinner will be held on February 7th, at 6 p.m. at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon. The cost of the dinner is \$12.50 for adults and \$6 children 10 and under. For tickets call Margo Davidson at 489-3641 or Elinor Hamilton at 489-3573.

Ya Baby, there's love in the air! Take that special someone out for a night on the town and go dancing with the "Ya Baby's". The Ya Baby's will be on stage performing at the Valentines Day fundraiser dance, hosted by Carnarvon Bowl and Billiard. The dance is on February 14th and runs from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is \$15 a head and is age of majority.

Proceeds from the dance go to the Haliburton Dance Arts. Tickets can be purchased at the Haliburton Dance Arts or Haliburton Perfect Prints.

Call 457-1561 or 457-1758.

For more fun things to do in Stanhope, pick up the Township Newsletter at the Stanhope Township office. If you have something you want to share, please submit your ideas to me, Monday and Tuesday, at 705-766-9968 or Wed. to Fri. at 705-489-2379. You can also e-mail me at alisha_stevens20@hotmail.com

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Competition heats up in kitchen

The girls at Dorset Community Kitchen had a blast making ravioli and noodles from scratch on Thursday, January 22. Participants included Alice MacKay, Kerry Lock, Janice Jones and Melissa Alfano. They made an egg and semolina dough and spent the morning and early afternoon cranking the handles on their pasta machines and turning out beautiful noodles. Each person made her own filling for the ravioli and each was a creation made in heaven including ingredients such as ricotta cheese, parmesan cheese, asiago cheese, onions, garlic, chives, parsley and more. Look out Food Network Canada - you may have some competition. Watch for the next community kitchen event coming soon - all are welcome.

Have a ball! Have a "Snowball" at the 14th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival coming up on Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21. Organizers will be meeting again at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, February 9 to fill in the slots for some great volunteer opportunities. If you want to help out at this year's carnival, why not come out to the meeting. There will be coffee, tea, hot chocolate and a chance to meet some new friends. Be a part of the biggest annual event (and most fun!) in Dorset. For more information, call 766-9968.

There is still time to register for the Dorset Snowball Adult Broomball Tournament taking place on Friday, February 20 beginning at 8 p.m. Teams of 6 (2-girl minimum) must register in advance. Please register by February 18, 8 p.m. by calling organizer Hugh Reynolds at 766-1332.



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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The cost to register is \$10 per team in advance or \$20 per team on the night. Registration fees will go to the winner and runner up as follows: 50% to the winning team, 25% to second place and 25% to Snowball. Registrations can be mailed to or dropped off at the Rec Centre. The mailing address is Box 99, Dorset, Ontario, P0A 1E0 and cheques can be made payable to The Dorset Recreation Centre.

Here is another important reminder to parents and children in our community. Dorset Community Policing is hosting a

Child ID centre at the winter carnival and organizers urge Dorset parents to update their children's ID packages. Even if your child has already been done, it is important to bring a recent photo. All are welcome.

The Dorset Volunteer Fire Department will serve dinner and refreshments at Hollow Valley Lodge on Saturday, January 31, 2004 as a fundraiser to sponsor a child at Camp Bucko - a camp for burned children. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$17.50 per person and includes chicken and ribs, potato, salad and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Lincoln Miller. Reserved seating only. For tickets call Donna at 766-9253.

The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish is holding their annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 1 following a combined 10:30 a.m. parish service at St. Ambrose in Baysville. The meeting will follow a luncheon (\$10/person) at the Four Oaks Restaurant, Baysville.

The date has been set and planning is complete for the annual Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset Poker Rally and St. Valentine's Dance. The Rally will take place on Saturday, February 14, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call Barb at 705-766-2108 or Donna at 705-766-9253 or check out their website at www.tallpines.org.

Birthday wishes for January 25 to 31 go out to Bill Ellerington Jr., Nathan Jones and Joy Moon.

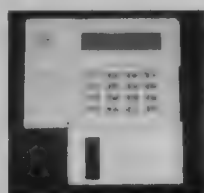
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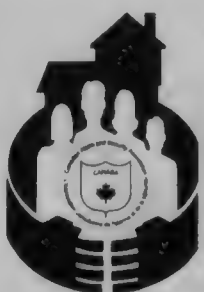
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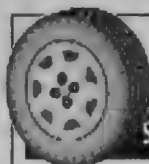
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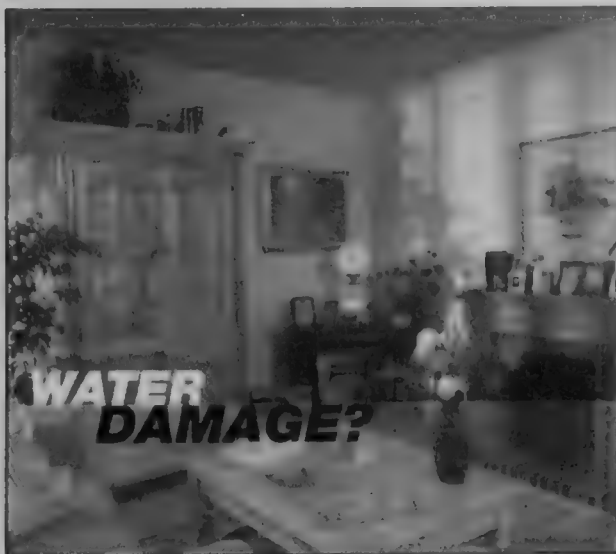
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In keeping with *The Times* new publication schedule this week's column will need extra space to give scores for two weeks. No items from the old farmhouse except to say watch for next week and find out why Clarence the Cat may be getting a name change to Arnold.

Here are the results from "Big Bucks Bid Euchre" held by the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 on January 21st. Peter Bryant was first, Norm Lane second, Cathy Hills third and Fay Bell held the hidden score. The next "Big Bucks Bid Euchre" will be at the Legion on Wednesday, February 18th, starting at 11 a.m. For more information contact Alice at [705] 488-3271.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Thursday, January 15 euchre at the Minden Legion: For lone hands ladies/men it was Verna McDonald and Kevin Maloney taking the honours. High scores were a family affair going to Kay and Tom Orr while Iris Taylor and Bob Pollard tallied the lows. Other winners

were Helen Skelding, Don Burch, Arla Pollard and Jim and May Bradbury.

Friday, January 16 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: Using the Howell System the top three teams were Dorothy Thayer and Ross Fletcher 61%, Mayme Douglas and Mike Collins 57% and Judy Neimann partnered with Ross Davies 55%.

Friday, January 16 bid euchre at Club 35:

Sharon Evans topped the pinks with 295 followed by Barb Robitaille 229 and Betty D'Ambrosio 211. For the white cards it was John Grinberger 271 first, Dick Coffey next at 227 and Chris Clarke third at 225 while the hidden score was uncovered by Verna Sawyer.

Friday, January 16 euchre at Staanworth Court: June Branning reports a good evening with Doreen Francis winning for high hands, Elaine

Yeo tied with Iris Taylor for lone hands and Martha Harding for low hands. Draw prizes went to Verna McDonald and Jean Ingram.

Saturday, January 17 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace: Topping the charts was Elli Langpohl with Thelma Francis second and Jean Scadden third. There

were no moonshots but the hidden scores went to Norm Lee, Isabel Cherwenka, and Pat

followed by Phyllis Windsor. Ida Young, Emily Harvie and Vic Ballik had the moonshots while Ruth Kellett won the draw.

Monday, January 19 euchre at Staanworth Terrace: Elaine Yeo reports that the winner for high hands was Iris Taylor with Lorna Bridgeman holding the most lone hands. Good luck was with Beulah Hewitt who took both low hands and the special prize.

Monday, January 19 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church: For lone hands it was Ellen Holden for the ladies and Lorne Dinesen for the gents while Betty Sharpe had the hidden score. High scores were recorded by Joyce Ritchie and Don Hicks while Pearl Cowen and Bill Mosley took the lows. Draw winners Ellen Holden and Don Hicks agreed that it was too cold for any skunks to pay a visit to the Club. A "Laura Carnegie" cake was enjoyed by all as Fern Donnelly and Jess Barlow cele-

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AROUND THE TOWN

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Bailey.

Monday, January 19 cribbage at the Minden Legion: In first place was Joe Rivers with Pat Roussel second and Lois Adamson third. Draw prizes went to Don Burch along with Lois and Syd Adamson. Thanks to Maxine Cross for this update.

Monday, January 19 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre: A good time was had by all with Roger Fournier taking top spot



Reminder

New Publication Date



The Times will be published on Fridays as of January 30th, 2004

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NOTICE

Recycling Blue Boxes are now on sale for \$5.00 each (tax included) to ratepayers of the municipality.

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Proposed Bear Management Area Expansion Bancroft District

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is inviting public comment on a proposal to expand three bear management areas (BMA). One area in the Salerno Lake area of Snowdon & Glamorgan Townships, another in the Hadlington Lake area, Monmouth Township and one in the Northwest quarter of Anson Township in the MNR's Bancroft District. The proposal is designed to ensure that Bear BMAs in the Bancroft District meet a minimal 50 km² size. The project will involve the expansion of three existing BMAs into previously unregulated lands. Bear management areas allow the licenced outfitter the exclusive right to bring non-resident bear hunters into an area.

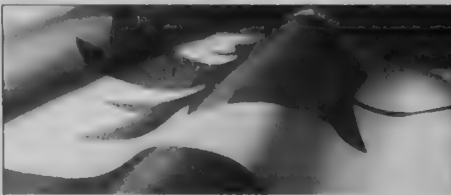
You are invited to direct any inquiries, comments or requests regarding the Bear BMA expansion proposal to Pat Souliere, Area Technician, Ministry of Natural Resources. Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which expires on February 23, 2004.

The proposal is being planned in accordance with a Category B project under the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. A notice of completion will be provided only to parties who have provided input or requested further notice. MNR may proceed to implement the project without issuing a further general notice.

For more information on the project, to submit comments, or to request further notice, please contact:

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Comments and personal information regarding the regulation change are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist in making decisions and to determine further public consultation needs relating to the regulation change. Comments and opinions which do not constitute personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among MNR, and may be included in study documentation that is made available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For more information on the collection and use of the personal information, contact: Vince Ewing, Acting Information Management Supervisor, P.O. Box 500, Highway 28, Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0. Tel.: 613-332-3940, ext. 206.



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Euchre, Bridge, Shuffleboard scores...

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brated their January birthdays.

Monday, January 19 euchre at Club 35: Colleen Davison was a double winner taking both most lone hands and the baloney. In the high score column it was Jean Randall for the ladies and Ray Sisson for the gents while Verna Sawyer and Cliff Davison took the lows. There were two "special prizes" going to Stan Dutka and Olive Jones.

Tuesday, January 20 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: In first place with 292 was Elli Langpohl then Gala Stamp 270 second and Sharon Evans 261 third. Isobel Cherwenka took the single moonshot and also uncovered a hidden score along with Verna McDonald and Edith Burch.

Tuesday, January 20 euchre at Gelert: For the ladies Rita Crofts had high score and Isabelle Saunders recorded the evening's low. Don Curry and Don Hicks took the men's high and low scores with Harold Harvie holding the most lone hands and Rita Crofts winning the draw.

Tuesday, January 20 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: In the lead were Beverley Alexander and Paul Poulton with 306 with the duo of Sandy Poulton and Joan Davison second at 271 and Syd Lockhart teamed with Belle Walker third at 257. The low score of 108 points was recorded by Andy Boivin and Verna Sawyer. Just a reminder for players that the Firefighters Community Centre will be closed for repairs until Monday, February 9th.

Tuesday, January 20 contract bridge at Stanhope: Mary Ellen Fletcher and Ambrose Carroll had the afternoon's only Slam while Betty Roszell won the lucky draw. Ray Moore led the high scoring quartet at 6020 followed by Mary Ellen Fletcher 5830, Ambrose Carroll 5770 and Pearl Foster 5140. It was agreed that Ray Moore, the "R.O.S." Special Award winner, did indeed bring a "Ray of Sunshine" to a cold winter day.

Wednesday, January 21 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots landed on Donna Fink, Bill Milford, Dick Coffey, Norm Lee and Tom Orr with Alf Helleman taking two. Willie Cox led the pinks at 294 with Helen Windsor 277 second and Lottie Ruttan 265 third. Tops for the white cards was Donna Fink 274 followed by Marcel Roussel 273 and then Kevin Maloney 267.

Wednesday, January 21 duplicate bridge at Parklane: Using the Howell System the top three results were by Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf with 60%, Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher with 59% and, tied for third at 57%, Stella McMillan partnered with Ross Davies and Don Mills and Bill Sandford.

Wednesday, January 21 Kinmount Seniors euchre: For the ladies Rose Isaacson was high and Emily Harvie low. Truman McNeil led the gents with Adam Freeman low. Joanne Freeman held the most lone hands and Theresa Deak won the draw.

Thursday, January 22 euchre at the Minden Legion: Holding the most lone hands were our reporter May Bradbury and Syd Adamson. High scores went to Verna McDonald and Marcel Roussel while Helen Luffman and Tom Orr tallied up the evening's lows. Other prize winners were Jim Bradbury, Norm Lee, Iris Taylor and Arla and Bob Pollard.

Friday, January 23 bid euchre at Club 35: Moonshots showered down on Dick Coffey, Peter Farr, Jean Dutka, Pat Scadden, Alf Whyman, Alf Helleman and Olive Jones. For the pinks it was Helen Windsor 280 in top spot followed by Jean Dutka 238 and Olive Jones 230 while Dick Coffey led the white cards at 299 with Peter Farr 250 second and Rob Evans 225 third. Our reporter Mary Pearson held the hidden score.

Friday, January 23 euchre at Stanworth Court: The high score was recorded by Iris Taylor with June Branning holding the most

lone hands, Katie Parker taking low hands and Cecil Smith winning the special draw. The group were pleased to welcome several new faces and see the attendance building.

In first with 67% were Harold Cox and Ross Fletcher with Muriel and Doug McIntosh second at 60% then in third at 53% Mayme Douglas partnered with Mike Collins.

Saturday, January 24 bid euchre at Stanworth Terrace: June Branning led the top trio at 304 then Pat Roussel 298 and Elva Paisley 284. Iris Taylor, Kevin Maloney and Pat Roussel took the moonshots. Draw winners were Allen Calment, Edith Burch and Gala Stamp.

Monday, January 26 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: For the ladies Josie Cheeseman took the high score and Olive Jones the low while Fred Gregory led for the gents and Ivan Kernohan was low. Barb Robitaille held the most lone hands. Cliff Davison won the draw and Garth Windsor the baloney.

Monday, January 26 cribbage at the Minden Legion: First place went to Norm Lee with Gwen Cox second and Syd

Adamson third. Other prizewinners were Lois Adamson along with Edith and Don Burch.

Monday, January 26 euchre St. Paul's Anglican Church: In the lone hands column it was Helen Donaldson for the ladies and Lorna Hicks representing the gents. High scores went to Ellen Holden and Marion Stickwood with Gala Stamp and Laura Carnegie taking the afternoon's lows. Draw winners were Marion Stickwood and Mabel Deacon while Pearl Cowen had both the hidden score and a skunking along with Tim Sharpe.

Monday, January 26 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre: Vic Ballik had the high score with Ida Young in second spot. Mildred St. Thomas and Phyllis Windsor took the moonshots while Marg Viney won the draw.

Tuesday, January 27 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: High score went to Norm Lee 293 then Trudy Kroes 278 and Gala Stamp 271. Don Burch, Gala Stamp and Trudy Kroes had moonshots while Pat Scadden, Georgina Parkes and Thelma Francis held hidden scores.

Tuesday, January 27 euchre at the Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents George Bartley was high and Norm Lee low with Joyce Schellenberg and Inge Walters ladies high and low. Gerald Hicks held the most lone hands and our reporter Barb Carpenter won the special draw.

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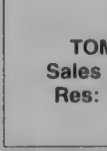


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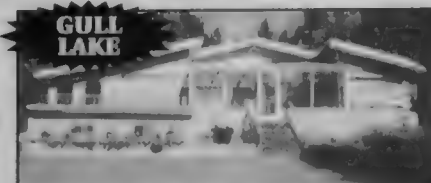
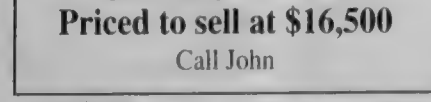


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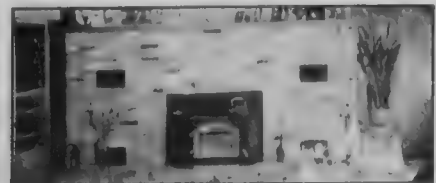
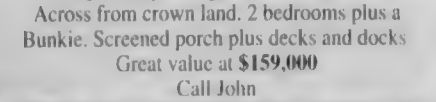


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2:30 pm
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Sat., February 7 - 12 noon
 at
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Guest Speaker:
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 will take place on
Wednesday, the 25th day of February, 2004
at 4:00 p.m.
 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion.
 Further information, call
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A Message from the Minden Girl Guides

Due to accommodating minor hockey playoffs, the Township of Minden Hills has changed it's free Public SKATING from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. effective immediately.

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Sunday Feb. 1, 2004
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350 WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

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DAVID JOHN O'MALLEY
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 on
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 in Mississauga, Ontario
 Very proud parents of
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380 BIRTHS

BOWMAN - Iain and Ginger are overjoyed to announce the birth of their first child,
NOAH REED
Noah was born on
January 13, 2004 at 7:16 a.m.,
weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz.
 Proud grandparents are Dean and Gloria Elliott, Janet Robertson and William Bowman. Ecstatic great grandmother, Marie Cox. Totally adored by his Auntie Dawn.

CA

440 THANK YOU

LILLIAN RATCLIFF, The family of the late Lillian Ratcliff extend to the staff, residents and volunteers of Hyland Wood, our heartfelt gratitude for the caring of our aunt who passed away Sunday, January 18th in her 103rd year. Although she was only in residence for a few months, the thoughtfulness, understanding, patience and caring she received from everyone who touched her heart, allowed her to live her last months with dignity, comfort and grace. God Bless. **Helen McKirdy and Rick Ratcliff.**

SINCERE THANKS FROM the family of the late Rhoda McKelvey. Perhaps you sent a lovely card Or sat quietly in a chair, Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so, we saw it there Perhaps you donated in memory of Mom Or performed a kindly deed, Perhaps you sent some delicious food, To sustain us in our need. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, That any friend could say, Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day. As we express our thanks to you, We want to say as well, Your kindness means much more to us, Than words alone can tell. A special thankyou to son-in-law David Sproule for his extraordinary efforts made during Mom's final moments and to Karen Debmán and Rick Haywards for theirs as well. To Kawartha Lakes Emergency Response Service, Doctors and staff at Ross Memorial and long time family doctor, Steve Ferracuti. To Mom's home support, health nurses, the Alzheimer's Support Group and Access Centres in both Lindsay and Minden. Thanks also to Barry, Kirsten and staff at the Gordon Monk Funeral Home for their support and compassion during a very difficult time. To Rev. Max Ward for the beautiful memorial service and to the United Church Women for providing a lovely reception after.

THANK YOU - In October, our house on Barry Line burned to the ground. We saved only ourselves and our pets. There was an immediate outpouring of support, money, clothes, food and a residence; from our families, neighbours, friends, co-workers, churches and even strangers. Thanks to them, we are in good housing, well-fed, well-clothed and reasonably unstressed. Thanks to Tom Prentice Trucking, D&K Masonry, Stoughton Electric, Miscio Construction, Emmerson Lumber and Wawanesa Insurance, we are looking forward to going home in the spring! All the love and support has left us feeling very humble. We are so lucky to live in such a caring community. We pray a blessing for all those who have helped us.
Garry and Ruth Cooper.

THANK YOU! The family of the late Bruce Cook would like to take this opportunity to thank their relatives and friends for their acts of sympathy and kindness when Bruce, (Dad), (Poppa) passed away. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, food, phone calls and donations. A special thank you to the ladies of Maple Lake United Church for the wonderful luncheon. Dr. Hartwick, doctors and nursing staff of Haliburton Hospital. Gord for his comforting words, Kirsten and Barry for their thoughtfulness and help. Thank you, **Viola Cook and families.**

440 THANK YOU

THE FAMILY OF the late Mark Brelsford would like to thank our friends and neighbours for their support, flowers, cards and donations at our time of loss. We would also like to thank Barry, Kirsten and staff of Gordon Monk Funeral Home for their comfort and help. A special thank you to Dr. Weir, Dr. Ragaz and the nursing staff at both Peterborough Regional Health Centres. Your caring has touched us all and will always be remembered. **Roni, Karen, Brian and family, Christina and William.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

ANNIE MISCIO - In loving memory of Annie Miscio, January 27, 1993. Mother-in-law & grandmother & great grandmother. We who love you sadly miss you, As it dawns another year In our lonely hours of thinking Thoughts of you all ever near. Always in our hearts,
Clara & family.

MISCIO - In loving memory of my parents, mother Annie, January 27, 1993, father Michael, September 25, 1972. Though absent, you're both very near
 Forever loved and very dear.
 Sadly missed by **daughter Ruby and grandchildren.**

MISCIO, ANNIE - In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away January 27, 1993. If roses grow in Heaven, God, please pick a bunch for me, Place them in my Mom's hands, And tell her they're from me. Tell her that I love her, And when she turns to smile, Place a kiss upon her cheek, And hold her for awhile. Because, remembering her is easy, I do it every day, But there's an ache within my heart, That will never go away. Sadly missed by **daughter Gladys and family.**

MISCIO, ANNIE - In Loving memory of our dear Mother Annie Miscio who passed away January 27, 1993. Our thoughts are ever with you, Though you have gone away We who loved you dearly, Are thinking of you today. As always lovingly remembered by **Ruth, Carl & Iris.**

460 OBITUARIES

CARMELITA MARIE McWEENEY

Passed away suddenly at the Toronto Western Hospital on Thursday, January 22, 2004. In her 70th year.

Loving mother of Noreen and her husband Tom Murphy, Patrick and his wife Kay, John, Michael, Joe, Carm and her husband James Novelli, Barb, Kevin, Sheila, Patti-Ann, Phillip and his wife Lisa. Loving nanny of many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear sister of Katherine, Anita, Greta, Gerrard, sister-in-law of Victor Ciolko and predeceased by her sister, Eleanor. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on the morning of Thursday, January 29, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Then to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Minden for the Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Reception followed at the church. Spring interment at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Kinmount. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

460 OBITUARIES

GLEN ALEXANDER LOCKHART

(Retired from General Motors after working 37 years at the Scarborough Van Plant) passed away suddenly at home in Irondale, Ontario on Monday, January 19, 2004 at the age of 70

Beloved husband of Rita, dear father of Stephen, David, Marianne Gracey, Paul, Glen and Teresa, Mark & Rebecca. Loving grandfather of Stephanie, Chad, Michelle (Michi), Tyler, Alicia, Madison, Haydarn, Nathan, Larissa, Zachary and Jacob. Dear brother of Robert (Shirley), Lloyd (Sophie), Dianne (Lloyd) Johnstone. Fondly remembered by his family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Then to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Minden for Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 12:00 o'clock noon. Spring interment at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Kinmount. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

HOWARD J. SUTHERLAND
Passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at the age of 91.

A resident of Haliburton County of over 50 years, he moved into Haliburton and purchased Val Halla Resort and renamed it the Kashaga Lodge, which he operated for many years. Howard was also a long-time employee of the Haliburton Echo as a printer. He later retired to Poverty Bay (Soyer's Lake). Howard had many interests during his life including a life long interest in motorcycles and figure skating, he instructed many children in Haliburton County and many benefitted from his talents. Howard enjoyed a quiet life in Haliburton but will be fondly remembered by the Dart and Burk families. Howard's desire to help others led to his decision to donate his body to the University of Toronto for Medical Study. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., Minden. **CA**

MARY D. O'REILLY
passed away peacefully at Huntsville District Hospital on Saturday, January 17, 2004. at the age of 65

Beloved wife of Peter, dear mother of Tracey and her husband Tim Taylor. Loving grandmother of Tabitha and Timmy, dear sister of Annie and her husband Glenn Johnston of Dundalk and Tom and his wife Agnes of Ayrshire, Scotland, especially missed by her nephews & nieces. Betty & Jim Jackson of Carnarvon, and Liz and Al Mahaffey of Haliburton, also Jason, Janet, Billy, Johnny, Chris, Brian, Tammy, Jim & Anne-Marie, & many grand & great grand nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the Doctors and staff at the Huntsville Special Care Unit for their constant care. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (1-888-588-5777) on Friday, January 23, 2004 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of Funeral Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

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MARY E. WUNKER
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460 OBITUARIES

WILLIAM RALPH "BILL" KLEINSCHMIDT
 Peacefully at the Pinecrest
 Nursing Home, Bobcaygeon
 on Tues. January 27, 2004,
 where he had resided for
 6-1/2 years.

In his 85th year, Bill was a
 long-time resident of
 Kitchener and retired to
 Carnarvon in 1986.

Survived by his loving wife Elinore Kleinschmidt. Loving father of Judson and his wife Susan and their children Risa and Jay. He also leaves behind his stepchildren Monty Ward, Jeffrey Ward, JoAnne and her husband Kenneth Watamanuk, Debra Weavers, Denise and her husband Ronald Barth and nine step grandchildren Ryan, Jordan, Chris and his wife Anita, Brooke, Maran, Lauren, Whitney and Michael. Father of Christina and Luke, brother of Ward. Predeceased by his parents, sister Ruth and brother Robert. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Friday, January 30, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

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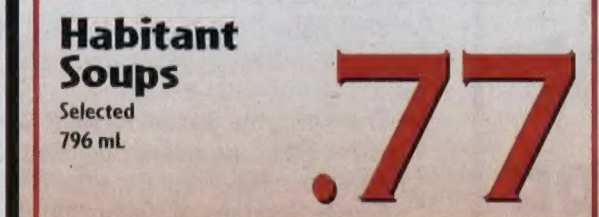
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